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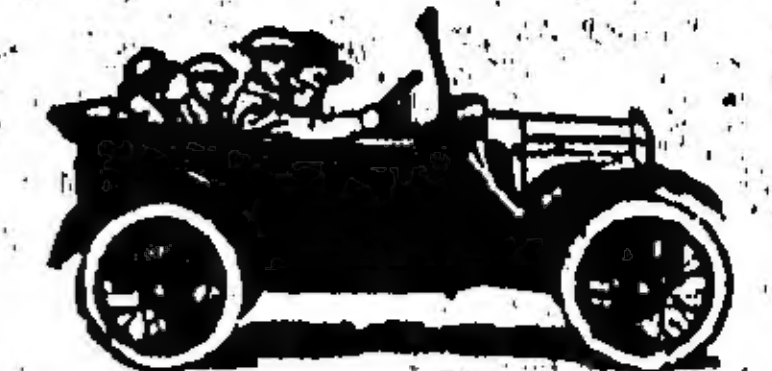
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RECAPTURE OF TAMSHUI REPORTED. PRO-SUN CADETS FAIL.

Yunnanese Help for Chan Kwing-ming.

Taking the course of previous wars in China several southern provinces now threaten to enter the fight between the Sun Yat-sen and Chan Kwing-ming forces in Kwangtung.

Should the worst come to pass there is a prospect of a campaign involving the greater part of South China.

Canton is still gaining ground on the East River sector, but there is a possibility of the struggle for domination being decided elsewhere and by other factors.

TEMPORARY CHECK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, February 18. With the exception of a temporary check at Tamshui, the pro-Sun armies are advancing all along the East River front, eastward from the Railway and toward Waichow.

Poklo, the key to the district around Waichow, has been vacated by Chan Kwing-ming's men who, as yet, have made no effort to stem the tide. Dr. Sun's forces are taking over control.

In the general advance little war material or prisoners have been captured. The anti-Sun detachments merely falling back even before the attackers reach their outposts. The "retinal" has become a "retreat," but not a debacle.

A correspondent at the front reports the recapture of Tamshui by the Chan contingent yesterday evening when Dr. Sun's brigade of cadets from the Whampoa Military Academy, led by Russian officers, was reformed through advancing too far and failing to preserve the alignment. In the afternoon the cadets moved up to take over Tamshui and the engagement, resulting in the first reverse for Canton in the present fighting, ended by General Li Fook-lam's division suffering some casualties.

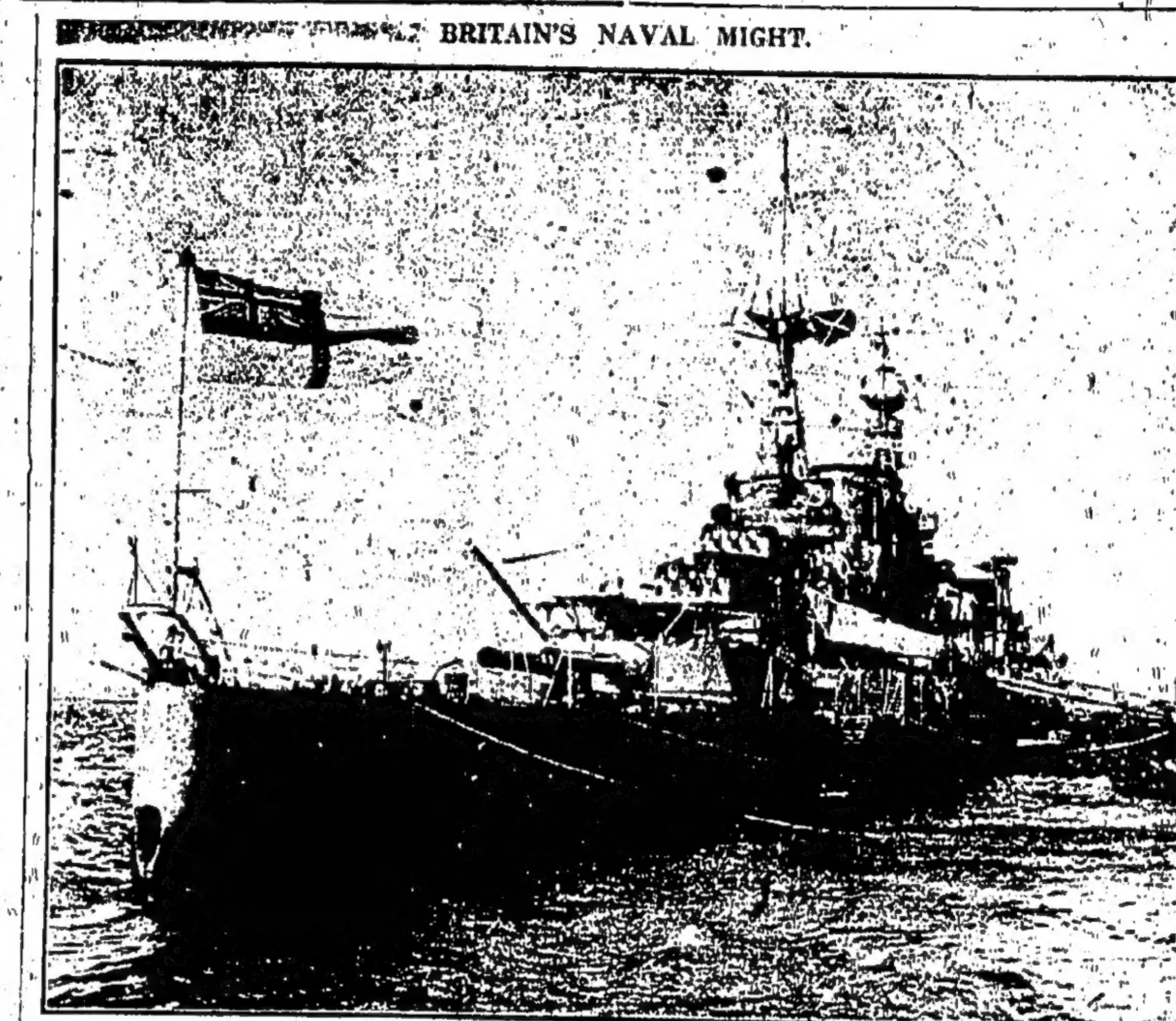
General Hsu Shung-chi has made Tong Tau Ha (on the Railway) his headquarters and the Yunnanese are working from Tang Seng as their base.

Help for Chan. Tang Chi-yao, of Yunnan Province, has despatched an army, the strength of which is given at anything from a few thousand to over twenty thousand bayonets, into Kwangsi, to prevent the Yunnanese mercenaries now in Canton from returning to their native province, where he is absolute ruler.

A curious position has arisen, the comprehension of which necessitates recalling some old and sordid history.

General Fan Shek-sang, commanding the 2nd Yunnanese Army in Canton, is popularly believed to have sworn revenge against Tang for having put his (Fan's) father to death during his sojourn in Canton. To accomplish this, he would have to bring his army back to Yunnan. Accordingly, Tang has sent an army out to give him battle and this army has promised support for Chan Kwing-ming.

When the present campaign started it was thought that the Yunnanese mercenaries would not fight. That they have done so is attributed to a desire to crush



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Chan and deprive their fellow-provincials, who have been sent to warring them, of an ally.

In Kwangsi province is General Shen Hung-ying, a leader with pronounced chameleon characteristics. He has begged Tang not to invade Kwangtung by way of Kwangsi which, he says, has suffered enough and is recovering from the chaos of the last few years. It is not known whether Shen will come out on Canton's side or against Dr. Sun's party.

To counter the long talked of Canton expedition to the North, Fong Pun-yan, Tuchun of Kiangsi Province, has promised Chan Kwing-ming military aid from his territory. Another anti-Sun governor, Sun Chuan-fang, of Fukien and Chekiang Provinces, is also reported to be desirous of joining the fray on Chan's side, but his time will be fully occupied in Shanghai and Fukien.

Sofia, February 18.—The Communist Deputy, M. Strachimoffe was assassinated in the street. The murderer escaped.—Reuter.

"STEADILY WEAKER."

DR. SUN YAT-SEN NEAR DEATH.

REMOVED FROM HOSPITAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 18.

A message from Peking states that Dr. Sun Yat-sen is not yet dead but it is announced that he is sinking with cancer of the liver. [This message has been sent out presumably to contradict the

KILTED SCOUTS.

COMING FEATURE OF OUR STREETS. NEW TROOP'S DEBUT.

Splendid Help to the Movement.

A kilted troop of Scouts swinging along to the strains of the bagpipes may ere long come to be looked upon as quite a feature of Hongkong street life.

It certainly will if the enthusiasm shown at a Taikoo entertainment yesterday evening is anything to go by. This was arranged in the Taikoo Club for

troop will receive backing from parents and patrons as a result of the entertainment, which will enable them to equip present members and the many who now will assuredly want to join, and, at the same time, to lay the basis of the very necessary Troop fund.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, to whom belongs the honour of having first suggested the troop, has generously promised to give kilts and sporrans but there are many other expenses in connection with the inauguration of a Troop, and it is natural and right that those responsible should wish the Scouts to get on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible. The new movement will be worthy of all support if in the words of the Acting Commissioner it brings to the Scout spirit a national spirit that will strengthen it.

Of the display itself not much can be written, for it was one which would have to be attended for a full appreciation to be obtained of the entertainment provided by the antics of the cubs (whose ages ranged from five upward). They were delightfully unconscious of the fun they were causing when they pulled up their stockings, hitched up their belts, admired each other's styles of scarf tying, or indulged in personal controversy at the back of the stage!

Quite apart from this, however, the entertainment contained items of real worth, the physical drill, the Scottish reel by four of the boys, ambulance training and Camp Fire Sing-song being particularly good and real thrills being provided in "On the Track of the Spies," an excellently acted comedy drama written by C. E. Burgess. It might be mentioned that the fears of the Acting Commissioner, expressed in his last "Silver Wolf" letter are quite unjustified. He wrote, "Already, I understand, four boys are struggling gamely with bagpipes, but we can't help that!" The accompaniment to the reel was really excellent.

The full programme was as follows:—
PART I.
Chorus, "Scout Law," The Troop.
Solo, "Hot Stuff," Scout J. Muirhead.
Ambulance, The Cubs.
Solo, "Marching Along," Cub A. McCubbin.
Physical Drill, Drill Team.
Camp Fire Sing-song, The Troop.

PART II.
"On the Track of the Spies," a Comedy-Drama in two acts by C. E. Burgess.
Dramatis Personae: Foreign Lodge, Act. C. M. W. Gardner; Foreign Friend, P. L. K. Boulton; Scout Leader, Act. S. M. A. Ferguson; Dick, member of Scout Troop, P. L. J. Laing; Yawny Bob of Scout Troop, Sec. J. McCubbin. Other Members of Scout Troop, Scouts F. Bird, W. Eldridge, R. Amery, J. Muirhead, Cubs T. Swan, A. McCubbin, J. Barker.
Wife of Coastguard, Miss B. McCubbin.

London message dated January 27 which reported that a Japanese semi-official source announced Dr. Sun Yat-sen's death.]

Among His Own People.

Peking, February 18. Dr. Sun Yat-sen has grown steadily weaker during the last few days. He was removed from hospital this morning by his family at his own request.

DANGER IN REMOVAL.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, February 18. Sun Yat-sen was taken to the residence of Dr. Wellington Koo, whence his removal was effected satisfactorily, but apparently there was danger in the removal.

DR. SUN'S SUCCESSOR.

TANG SHAO-YI NAMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, February 18. From a well-informed source comes the intelligence that a successor to Dr. Sun Yat-sen as chief of the Kuo Min Tung party has been "unofficially" nominated.

Tang Shao-yi, who was Premier at Peking during the Yuan Shi-kai regime and who has held several important posts both at Canton and Peking subsequently, is said to be the most likely successor.

A native of the Heungshan district, Kwangtung, Tang Shao-yi has been out of politics for several years. He is one of the old school with moderate Republican views.

Considerable significance is attached to the alleged sending by Tang of his representative last Sunday to Swatow, to seek Chan Kwing-ming's views on reconciliation between the two conflicting cliques of Canton leaders.

Although many doubt Tang's acceptance of the post should he be chosen, it has been said that Bolsheviek tendencies may be banished as he is not in sympathy with Soviet views.

Moscow, February 18.—The Rosta Agency states that the Ekaterinoslav metal works have secured in the face of foreign competition an order for rails for the Chinese Eastern Railway, amounting to 700,000 roubles.—Reuter.

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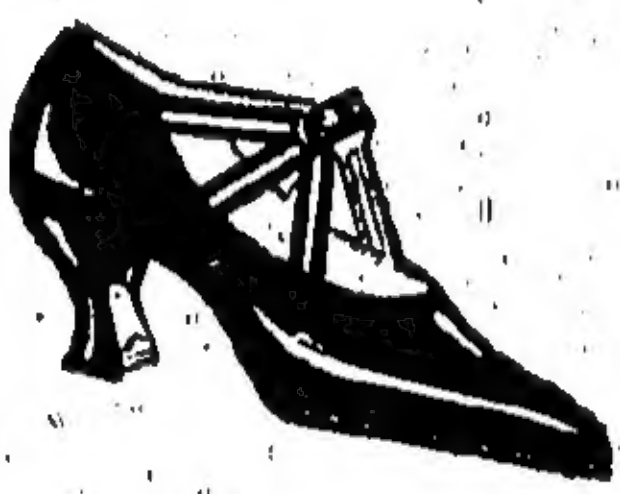
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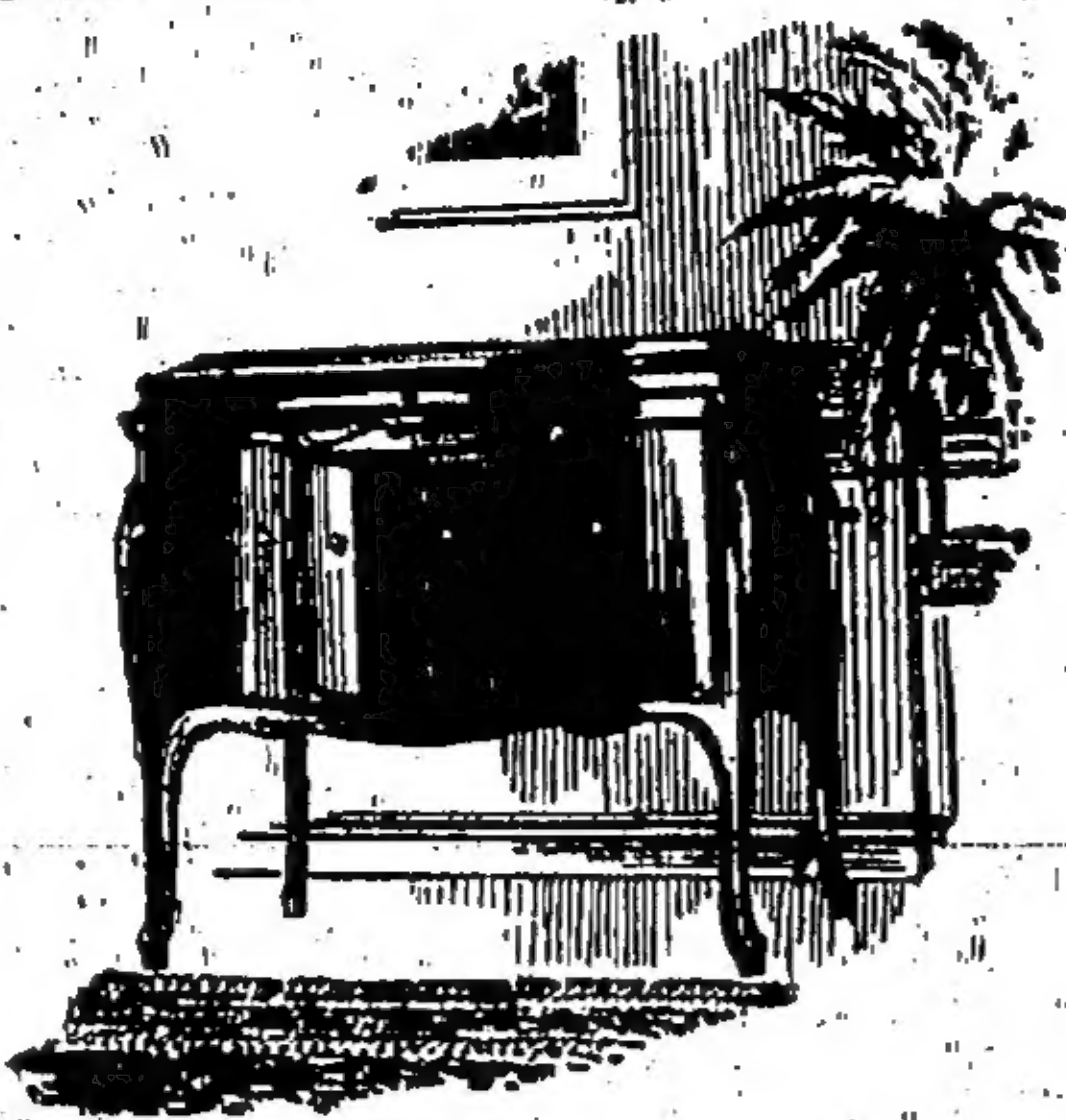
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DEATH.

EWART.—At Mukden, on January 31, suddenly, as the result of scarlet fever, Sarah A. W. Ewart, Nursing Superintendent, United Free Church of Scotland Mission, Women's Hospital, Kaiyuan, Manchuria.

Hongkong, Thursday, February 19, 1925.

MOVING AT LAST?

There are hopes that more naval protection will be forthcoming for the British mercantile marine in the war against pirates. That is the gist of a cablegram which is published elsewhere in this paper to-day. Viscount Sandon, the Unionist member for Shrewsbury, has taken the matter up, and, in the House of Commons, asked whether better provision would be made by the Navy for protecting British trade in Chinese waters against piracy. That question raises two presumptions—firstly, that the Minority Report from Hongkong has reached the Admiralty in London; and, secondly, that, as a result of that

report and the necessity to do something, the Government has inspired the question submitted by one of its own adherents.

In his reply the First Lord of the Admiralty stated mere facts known but here when he said that since piratical attacks had become frequent there has been a gunboat in reserve at Hongkong, fully commissioned which is now performing patrol duties; whilst four launches provided by the Hongkong Government, also manned by naval ratings, are regularly escorting convoys. But, it is significant to note, the First Lord added that "the question of the necessity of additional naval protection was now being considered."

That, again, is tantamount to an admission of great importance, namely, that such necessity exists. Had the Admiralty's intention been otherwise, there would not have been—still presuming—a question by a Government supporter. And if one had been asked by a member of the Opposition, the reply, in the event of a policy of masterly inactivity, would have been the stereotyped lines—that "the question would receive consideration" some time or other. There would have been nothing so positive as the reply that the question for the "necessity" for additional naval protection was being considered.

Until such time as something is learned of the exact nature of that additional naval protection it would be futile to speculate further. It does appear, however, that the Minority Report has done, and is doing, some good in London. And as the Admiralty realise more than anybody else, the dangers of delay in such matters, it may be that the piracy question will very soon begin to take on a more cheerful hue. It is vital to human life and property, and it is vital to British trade—two aspects that must be fully considered and fully protected.

Racecourse Amenities.
After seeing the improvements to the inner track at the Racecourse, and the private stands, and

the innovations in the enclosure, it came as a mild surprise to find that the crush in the pari-mutuel compartments was as bad as in previous years. It is up to the Jockey Club to spend money where the Stewards think it is most needed but—as has been pointed out on many occasions before—is the public that supports racing, and the public should receive more consideration. Both in the private and public enclosure there was ground for complaint because of the difficulty in getting to a booth to purchase pari-mutuel tickets, the delay in announcing dividends, and the difficulty again in obtaining payment. This is not the first year in which it has been suggested that the latest "tote" apparatus be used, and it will not be the last until it is installed. Admittedly, there is hardly any room in which to expand, but no harm would be done in experimenting. It would also be to the Jockey Club's advantage to regulate the crowds surging up to back the favourite whilst the "outsiders" booths remain idle. Under the present circumstances the only remedy seems to lie in having more than one booth for the numbers which command the most support, but if the Stewards admit that more could be done to secure the comfort of visitors they are naturally free to introduce their own methods. On the whole, there can be little gainsaying the fact that a better disposition of the accommodation will have to be made if the Jockey Club is to keep abreast with the times.

Dangerous Thoughts.

It appears that the Japanese Government is out to invite a political crisis in its determination to pass a Bill with the rather quaint title of "Peace Preservation or Dangerous Thoughts Bill," which is meeting with pronounced opposition from labour bodies. The main clause is aimed at "anyone who organises a society with the object of altering the regime guaranteed by the Constitution or altering the conscription, the taxation or the private property system by either changing the national constitution (kokutai) or by illegal methods, or any one who has joined such a society with full knowledge of its object." Such people are liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding seven years. Those who assemble and discuss the object mentioned in the foregoing clause are liable to imprisonment for seven years; those who assault, intimidate, or incite others to other criminal acts for the execution of the object mentioned are liable to the same term of imprisonment; and those who have received or given money to carry out a breach of the law are liable to five years' imprisonment. The Bill, if enacted, will apply to offences committed outside the districts over which it operates, but an offender may get his sentence either commuted or remitted "if he surrenders to the authorities before he has been discovered by them." It appears at first sight a harsh measure; but, then, every Government knows its own people, and so should be in the best possible position to state what legislation is required. That is what the Government is placed in power to do.

SOLDIER'S LIFE BARRED.

NORTHERNER A VAGRANT IN HONGKONG.

JAIL FOR STEALING FLANNEL.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy, this morning, a Northern Chinese was charged with the theft of a roll of flannel. When arrested with the cloth in his possession two days ago, the accused claimed that he found it on the street, but would not assist the police any further. On enquiries made yesterday, it was found that the roll of cloth was lost by a shopkeeper in Pottinger Street. The value of the cloth being only \$5, the shopkeeper did not trouble about making a report.

The accused, who had the appearance of a sickly vagrant, said that he was brought down from the North to be a soldier in Canton. As he did not wish to be a soldier, he remained in Hongkong, and for the last eight days had been sleeping in the streets.

The Magistrate imposed a sentence of six weeks' hard labour. A summons against the captain of the Hongkong-West River s.s. "Anjo" for anchoring in the harbour fairway was put back on the Marine Court list as the steamer was not in port. For not observing the road in the harbour, the coxswain of a steam-launch was also fined \$10.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THOSE HIGH RENTS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—As a tenant I admit that there are quite a number of empty Chinese flats in the more distant parts of Kowloon, Kennedy Town, and other outlying districts on the island.

During the rice holidays I had a look round for a flat at a reasonable rental and in a locality reasonably within distance of town. Such did not exist.

Landlords may maintain that there are many empty houses and flats, but that does not prove that there are enough "houses." The accommodation is not going ahead because there is a surplus, but because the public cannot afford it. People have to crowd together in unsanitary conditions because the rental they can afford will not give them the room they need. If rents were not so high, these flats would be occupied by tenants who are at present huddled together and cannot afford to pay the scale demanded.

In support of the demand for the continuation of the Rents Ordinance it can be conscientiously argued that there is still a shortage of houses, which does not show on the surface or account of overcrowding.

Whilst house-hunting I spoke to a rent-collector, who confided to me that his master would go out of his way to get his own back should the Ordinance be dropped. His employer had for these last few years been unable to raise the rent even a few dollars. Any such suggestion had been met by ridicule from the tenants. The landlord would sacrifice a few months' rent just for the fun of throwing out the present tenants to teach them a lesson. No matter what increase the tenants might offer they would have to move at a month's notice just because they had refused his overtures to float the law and agree to raise the rent so that he could sell the property at a higher figure.

In asking you to accord me the space for this letter, I crave for protection from landlords of the class who would be petty enough to take revenge.
Yours, etc.,
C. L. H.
Hongkong, February 19.

NEW PROFESSION!

COLLECTOR OF FOUNTAIN PENS.

THEFT AT THE RACECOURSE.

A man, who may be described as a collector of fountain pens, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a fountain pen from the breast pocket of a Kowloon Hotel boy at the racecourse.

A district watchman said that he was on duty in plain clothes at the racecourse yesterday. He saw the accused transfer the pen from the pocket of the complainant to his own. He arrested him, and the pen was identified by the complainant as his property.

Divisional Inspector C. Aris produced three other fountain pens found inside the accused's hat when searched at the Police Station.

The accused stated that he found the first pen on the ground, and that he bought the other three for 50 cents at Lascar Row.

The explanations offered by the accused not being satisfactory, he was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

FIVE MEN MAKE ATTACK ON ONE.

BANK NOTES STOLEN.

A highway robbery is reported to have occurred at Shing Wong Street about 8.30 o'clock last night. The complainant, a Chinese, states that whilst he was walking, he was seized from behind by five men, who removed a sum of \$30 in Saigon bank notes from his pockets, and bolted.

He chased the men for some distance, but finally had to give up.

MARINE COURT.

JAPANESE MASTER FIRED.

Pleading guilty to a charge at the Marine Court this morning of discharging oil into the harbour waters, the Japanese master of the s.s. "Arizona Maru" was fined \$10.

A summons against the captain of the Hongkong-West River s.s. "Anjo" for anchoring in the harbour fairway was put back on the Marine Court list as the steamer was not in port.

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RENTS ORDINANCE.

PETITION FROM TENANTS READY.

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT.

In pursuance of a decision reached at a Committee meeting of the Tenants' Protective Association, which was held about ten days ago in consequence of apprehension that the Rents Ordinance might be abolished this year, a petition has been drawn up by Messrs. Wilkinson and Crist, solicitors of the Association. The petition strongly urges the Government to extend the Ordinance.

It was at first intended to canvass public support before sending the petition, and for that purpose two thousand forms explaining the decision of the Association and asking the public to support the action have been issued, to be signed or "clipped" by the community. Later it was decided to send the petition first before the collection of signatures has been completed. Mr. Wong Kam-ying and Mr. Ho Tin-chee, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Association, will sign the petition to-day and copies will be sent to Mr. J. B. The Governor and all the Council members.

The support of the large community which comes under the category of tenants has been most encouraging, as shown by some of the forms returned, which are literally crisscrossed with signatures and business chops. Practical interest was shown by the people in many places, including Hung Hom and Yau Ma Tei where many tenants volunteered to take the forms round. The forms will be also sent to the Government in due course.

According to an official of the Tenants' Protective Association the petition is based on the following draft, submitted by Mr. Wong Kam-ying, the Chairman, at the Committee meeting referred to above:

Statistics to be given to show the great difference between rentals of "old" and rebuilt houses, with localities and numbers of houses. Comparisons were to be made between houses of the same streets; (2) if the Ordinance was repealed, rents would be considerably increased and many of the poorer classes would be forced to join the ranks of the homeless; (3) the abrogation of the Ordinance would have far-reaching effects on the business community. If rents were increased many shopkeepers would be forced out of business because any change of premises, especially removal to distant places, would entail loss of business and perhaps cause entire suspension; (4) labourers would also be seriously affected if the Ordinance was not renewed. It was well known that workers, such as the coolies and earth carriers, preferred to live in certain localities, as near as possible to the places of their employment. Not only inconvenience, but hardships, would arise if they had to live elsewhere; (5) proof of the necessity of continuing the restrictions was provided by the overcrowded conditions in certain parts of the Colony. During the last few years the population of Hongkong had increased to such an extent that all new houses built during that period would have been occupied if the rents had not been so high.

GERMAN MARKS.

LONDON FIRM APPEAR AS PLAINTIFFS.

£1,150 INVOLVED.

Negotiations for the purchase of German marks led to a Supreme Court case this morning, the plaintiffs being H. G. B. Gully and Co., of Fenchurch Street, London, and the defendant Maxim and Co., of Queen's Buildings, Hongkong.

Mr. Eldon Potter, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin were for the plaintiffs (instructed by Messrs. D'Aimada and Mison) and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., for the defendants (instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings).

The point at issue was whether the plaintiffs were to be paid for the marks they got for the defendants by gold in London. Defendants allege that their liability was at an end when they paid the money (£1,150 was involved), into the Hongkong branch of the Indosuisse Banque de Chine, which shortly afterward went into liquidation.

The case is proceeding.

One case of enteric fever (Chinese) was reported yesterday.

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"SCARAMOUCHE"

LOCAL PIRACY MENACE.

QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

ADDITIONAL NAVAL PROTECTION.

Matter Being Considered by Admiralty.

Presumably in consequence of the Hongkong minority report, further naval measures to deal with piracy are now being considered.

HONGKONG MEASURES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 18. In the House of Commons, Viscount Sandon asked whether better provision would be made by the Navy for the protection of British trade in Chinese waters against piracy.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in reply, pointed out that since piratical attacks had become frequent there had been a garrison in reserve at Hongkong fully commissioned and this was now performing patrol duties.

Four launches provided by the Hongkong Government, also manned by naval ratings, were regularly escorting convoys. The question of the necessity of additional naval protection was now being considered.

It may be recalled that the reply to a "China Mail" inquiry, in official circles on February 6, was that the report was under consideration, but that the time was not opportune to make any statement as to the Government's attitude. The Admiralty, for instance, it was alleged, had not then had time to consider the proposals, and what they would involve for the Government.

The reply given there to the "China Mail" on February 6, was that the Admiralty at Home would have to be consulted before anything could be decided. The article on the subject in the "China Mail" of the date mentioned proceeded: "This means, to say that even in the event of the Navy assuming entire responsibility for the protection of merchant shipping, as they have been asked to do, it will be some time before the recommendations can be given effect to. In the Committee's report it was stated that that portion of H.M. Naval forces now stationed in adjacent waters is not adequate for the heavy and varied duties which devolve upon it, and it is to be presumed that new craft will have to be built and manned if the

TROUBLE AHEAD.

GERMANY WARNS RUMANIA.

RELATIONS VERY STRAINED.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, February 18. Speaking before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann strenuously protested against any possible confiscation of German private property in Rumania.

He pointed out the serious consequences such measures might have by affecting the confidence of international financial circles.

[Earlier cables stated that Balkan diplomacy is again troubled because of the Germano-Rumanian dispute arising out of the Rumanian claim for special reparations—payments apart from the Dawes scheme. Ministerial statements issued at Bukarest recently admitted that relations were strained but denied the intention of taking repressive measures. Nevertheless a few days later it ordered the suspension of Germano-Rumanian commercial relations preparatory to applying the maximum tariffs against Germany. Alarming reports, hitherto unconfirmed, have been received from Bukarest to the effect that Germans are being brutally expelled from Rumania after being deprived of their money and passports. This foreshadows German reprisals and possibly the severance of relations. The Berlin Bourse has ceased quoting Rumanian lei. The rumours are endowed with greater significance on account of the utterances of the Soviet leaders who, according to dispatches from Riga, were recently extolling the successful outcome of Soviet diplomacy in the Far East and demanding the return of Bessarabia to Russia.]

LOSS TO JAPAN

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Tokyo, February 18.

The death is announced of Mr. Wachi Seki, a Kenseikai leader and Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War.

Ottawa, February 18.—The Provincial Secretary has refused the application of the Ku Klux Klan for a charter for Ontario.—Reuter.

DISTINCTLY BETTER.

THE KING'S MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 18.

The King's condition to-night shows a distinct and considerable improvement.

[An early cable stated that an official Bulletin announced that His Majesty the King passed a fair night. The bronchitis has suffered no change yet but the patient's general condition has improved.]

OPIUM POINTS.

GENEVA'S FINAL EFFORTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, February 18.

The opium conference adopted the proofs of the draft convention of the drug protocol and the final act, amid general applause.

Minor drafting modifications not affecting the principles already agreed upon were introduced. Also on the proposal of the French, supported by the British, a new article was introduced into the convention with the hope of satisfying the American proposal and dealing with the effective control of raw opium by enacting new laws and regulations unless such already exist, but inasmuch as the new article does not mention restriction to medical and scientific purposes according to the American proposal it is improbable the Americans will be satisfied.

Siam made a reservation with regard to Indian hemp inasmuch as the subject was originally not included in the agenda of the conference, while the Persian delegate, Arfaud, Dowle, only signed the convention and referendum, subject to the League's acceding to Persia's request respecting a loan to enable Persia to restrict the cultivation of the opium poppy.

The German delegate made a reservation to the effect that while Germany was desirous of collaborating for the control of the international traffic in drugs, she was unable to admit the present convention applied to her internal trade.

The conference will hold its final sitting to-morrow.

STRIKE RIOTS.

ATTACK ON SHANGHAI MILL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, February 18.

Thirty thousand workers are now involved in the strike of the operatives of thirteen Japanese cotton mills. The strikers attacked the mills, injuring half a dozen Japanese.

Expected to Spread.

Later. The staffs of two more Japanese cotton-mills have joined the strikers, who now number 32,000 from fourteen mills. Only three Japanese mills in Shanghai are unaffected, and the movement is expected to involve all Japanese mills. Efforts towards mediation were opened at one mill but without result.

ROTOR SHIP'S TRIP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 18.

Averaging nine knots, with a strong wind blowing practically at right angles Herr Flettner's rotor ship "Buckau," bearing instead of sails, chimney-like towers fore and aft, rotating in the wind, arrived at Grangemouth in 77 hours from Germany. The vessel's first trip outside the Baltic excited much interest in shipping circles. The weather was very heavy.

HELP FOR FRANC.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, February 19.

The French banks continue to purchase francs to sustain the currency.

The result is that francs, which touched 93 to the pound sterling on Saturday are now 90.

New York, February 18.—The "New York Times" states that Mr. C. E. Hughes (Secretary of State) has instructed the American Charge d'Affaires at Tirana to protest against the Albanian Government granting an exclusive oil concession to the Anglo-Persian Company, on the ground that it violates the open-door policy, which is a condition of America's recognition of Albania. The concession recently engaged the attention of the Italian Government, after which a statement was issued in London to the effect that the concession was very modest.—Reuter's American Service.

CLYDEBANK EVICTIONS.

"SERIOUS STATE OF PUBLIC ORDER."

DANGEROUS SITUATION.

Tenants Allege Breach of Faith.

Further trouble is feared at Clydebank over the housing problem which is fast approaching another crisis.

MORE EVICTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 18.

The situation at Clydebank is again prominent as a result of several evictions which were carried out yesterday, accompanied by some disturbance and three arrests.

The tenants have withdrawn their representatives from the Rents Commission on the ground of a breach of the understanding that there would be no evictions pending the Commission's report.

The matter was raised in the House of Commons this afternoon by Mr. Neill Maclean (Labour) who described the situation at Clydebank as a serious state of

public disorder which might easily become a danger to life and property.

Sir John Gilmour, Secretary for Scotland, replied that he had no doubt the authorities would guard against that contingency. He had no power to stop legal proceedings.

HISTORY OF THE TROUBLE.

Prior to the discussions on the Housing Bill, the Labour Government was in trouble over the problem of evictions from houses for arrears of rent, a question of particular importance in Scotland. On April 2nd, Mr. Wheatley moved the second reading of a measure which authorised the Court, where it appeared that the arrears of rent were due to unemployment, to refuse an application by the owner for an order for possession unless the Court were satisfied that more hardship would follow the refusal than by granting it. Mr. Asquith at once announced that unless this proposal were at once withdrawn the Liberals would vote against the Government. The Prime Minister on April 7th, explained that the Government proposed to amend the Bill by providing that no eviction order should be issued until a tenant had had a reasonable opportunity of applying to the local poor law authority for relief, but this was not acceptable, and after a lively debate the second reading was rejected by 221 to 212. By a coincidence a private member's bill on the same subject was read a second time on that evening, and on the following day Mr. MacDonald said the Law Office would co-operate to make this satisfactory to the Government. This measure, which provided that a landlord could only obtain possession where a dwelling house was reasonably for his own occupation as a residence and where the Court was satisfied that a great hardship would be caused by the refusal, passed through Standing Committee, and on report, the Government accepted an amendment limiting the provision to landlords who had become owners by purchase before May 5th, 1925. The Lords made certain amendments, with some of which the Commons declined to agree, and the Bill was placed on the Statute Book.

CLAIMS AGAINST SOVIET.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 18.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Cabinet, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said the Soviet Government had made no fresh proposals for the settlement of the claims of British nationals against the Soviet, but such proposals if made would be carefully considered.

Mr. Ponsonby asked was it then the policy of the Government to leave the creditors of Russia to their own devices and not to help them or support them? (Ministerial laughter and opposition cheers.)

Mr. Chamberlain said that if he thought the Government could usefully take steps at present it would take them, but he did not think so.

Mr. Chamberlain added smilingly that the creditors of the Russian Government would perhaps be not wholly sorry he was not pressing the solution for which Mr. Ponsonby was responsible.

[Mr. Austen Chamberlain evidently meant the Labour Government's proposed treaty with Russia which was largely the handiwork of Mr. Ponsonby. This treaty, it will be remembered, was one of the factors which precipitated the Labour Government's downfall.]

SUGAR SUBSIDY.

PROTECTING HOME INDUSTRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 18.

The House of Commons passed the second reading, without division, of the British Sugar Subsidy Bill providing for the payment of subsidy on a diminishing scale in respect of sugar and molasses manufactured in Britain for ten years, beginning October 1 last year, from beet grown in Britain, and to charge the Excise.

The Bill was introduced by the Government based on the Labour Government's proposals and financial resolution passed last year.

The Co-operative leader, Mr. A. J. Barnes, had previously moved the rejection of the Bill, objecting that the expenditure of money established another vested interest in food supplies, and anyhow advocating State ownership, but the motion was not pressed to a division.

Moscow, February 18.—The Rosta Agency says that according to a statement issued by M. Frunze, head of the Revolutionary Military Council, the Soviet Union has proposed to the Government to reduce the personnel of the Red Army by 50,000. The Soviet Government has authorised the importation to Russia of a large quantity of Indian rice. The Agency also states that the Ekaterinoslaw metal works secured in the face of foreign competition, an order for rails for the Chinese Eastern Railway, amounting to 700,000 roubles.—Reuter.

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SHIPOWNERS' POLICY.

MINORITY REPORT FINDS FAVOUR.

COMPANY MEETING TO-DAY.

Questions as to the policy of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co. in making grants to the Captain of the s.s. "Heung Shan" and in the amount for which the boat was insured were raised by shareholders at the annual meeting this morning. Those present were: Directors:—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Chairman), W. E. Clarke, A. O. Lang, Chau Siu-ki, Sir Robert Ho Tung, B. D. F. Beith, J. M. Alves, H. Staples Smith, and T. G. Weill; Shareholders:—B. C. Randall, W. T. Shewan, Chau Tsun-nin, A. H. M. da Silva, N. V. A. Croucher, S. Danenberg, K. Sayce, Paul Lauder, G. S. Zimmerer, J. Fleming, J. Owen-Hughes, A. H. Carroll, M. A. Razack, F. Ellis, J. F. Grose, and others.

Mr. Croucher in a seconding said: I have very much pleasure in seconding the resolution which has been so ably proposed by our Chairman. You see from his statement what has been the result of the cautious policy that has been adopted by this Company. In the past the Directors created reserves with the result we are benefiting to-day, in being presented with a very satisfactory balance sheet. You always have to prepare in the good times for the times that are bad, because the bad times always do come—they follow rapidly after the good times. Anyhow, the careful management that you have had in the past and the cautious administration that is taking place to-day ensure us receiving a very fair and a very satisfactory dividend, I hope, in the future.

I cannot close these remarks without endorsing the observations of the Chairman how much we are indebted to all the officers of the Company, afloat and ashore, for our results. More especially would I like, on behalf of us all, to thank the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak for his hard work, his skill, and his prudence in his conduct of the Company. The times have been very difficult, and it takes a good man to steer clear of the dangers which surround our business. Mr. Holyoak has shown himself fully capable of so doing. I am sure I am supported by all shareholders in expressing particular satisfaction at the announcement that the Directors have set aside a cash bonus for the official clerical staff and wharfingers and have transferred the sum set out in the accounts to Floating Staff Pension Fund.

The Chairman said: With your approval I propose to treat the report as read, and proceed to deal with the figures in the balance sheet and Profit and Loss Account, and give you such further explanation of them as may appear desirable. Your Directors have utilised \$97,825.75 to write down the book value of steamers, wharves, and properties, and have transferred \$10,537.53 representing \$1,229.75, 7d. at exchange of 2/4 to Floating Staff Pension Fund and a sum of \$5,000 to Staff Provident Fund. An interim dividend of \$1 per share was paid in August last, and there is available for distribution the sum of \$196,422.27, which includes \$28,904.33 brought forward from the previous year. Your Directors recommend that this should be dealt with as follows:—

Payment of a final dividend of \$1 per share	\$80,000.00
Payment of a bonus of \$1 per share	80,000.00
Payment of a bonus to office clerical staff and wharfingers	5,446.00
Carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account	30,976.27
	\$196,422.27

In the view of the small amount standing to the credit of Equalisation of Dividend Fund and the fact that a large portion of our investments must be held as codes against the insurance and underwriting carried by the Company, the Board cannot recommend the payment of a higher dividend or bonus. I may say that your Directors feel that it is of very great importance to keep our reserves as strong as possible to protect all possible emergencies to the Company's credit, more especially with the view of rendering more secure to the shareholders the continuity of dividends paid in recent years. You will have seen from the report heavy falling off in the net earnings compared with the previous year. Several exceptional circumstances have adversely affected last year's working and contributed to these poorer results. During the year, several more Chinese-owned steamers were placed in opposition on the Canton run. For a period of nearly two months commencing from July, the Company's Canton steamers were subjected to a

boycott, as a result of the strike on Shanghai. During the boycott our vessels carried no cargo and very few passengers, resulting in very heavy operating losses.

In February last the s.s. "Heungshan" stranded near Canton, became a total loss, and was eventually abandoned to the underwriters. I am glad to say that all passengers, crew, and mails were safely landed. The loss of this steamer was particularly unfortunate, inasmuch as she had just completed her annual overhaul and very extensive and costly repairs had been effected. In this connection I desire to point out that this partly accounts for the great increase under the item of "repairs to steamers." To replace the s.s. "Heungshan" your Directors gave an order to the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hongkong, Limited. The vessel now being built is well advanced, and the builders confidently expect to make delivery on contract time about next September. In placing this order the type of engine most suitable and economical for our trade was very carefully considered by your Directors and their technical advisers. The Diesel motor-engine was not considered suitable for the comparative short runs in shallow water in which our vessels are engaged. The principal economy of the motor engine is in consumption; therefore, until the cost of these engines reaches a level nearer to that of the steam engine, its advantages only apply to long distance trading.

I have already referred to the large sum spent in annual overhaul of s.s. "Heungshan" previous to her being lost. Ships do not last for ever, and as they advance in years they cost more to keep up, and the annual Government surveys for passenger licence become increasingly expensive. Apart from the usual disbursements made for overhaul and repairs the Company was forced by the local Government to alter the deck structure in three ships, beside erecting at great expense, grilles and various other contrivances in order to comply with the revised regulations of the amended Piracy Prevention Ordinance of 1924.

In this connection, I would endorse the "Minority Report" of the Committee appointed by the Government to consider the Piracy Regulations and the question—of tightening them up. This Company, in common with all shipping companies here and the Chamber of Commerce, has always felt strongly that, whilst willing to do anything in reason to assist the Government in preventing piracy, the responsibility for protection of British lives, shipping and trade is essentially the duty of the British Navy and I am glad to state that a strong appeal, endorsed by the Hongkong Government, has been sent Home for increased Naval assistance in the shape of further patrol launches, the success of which has already been amply demonstrated.

By the courtesy of the Government, I am permitted to read to you a letter recently addressed by the Colonial Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce on this subject, which I am sure will give satisfaction to you all:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 14 on the subject of the "Minority Report" of the Piracy Regulations Committee. His Excellency the Governor has forwarded the Report to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, while adhering to the view, which is shared by the Commander-in-Chief, that armed protection on board ship is essential, he has urged that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should in the interests of British trade and prestige, to strengthen the naval forces here as to provide for the establishment of a system of patrols, which will be adequate to safeguard ships from external attack, and when coupled with reasonable measures of self-protection on board, to make attempts at piracy from within too hazardous to be attractive.

Our fleet has been further written down during the year, and has been maintained in good order and condition. Owing to the rise in value of local shares in which the Company's liquid reserves are invested the Investment Fluctuation Account has been increased by \$136,145.56, which, following the usual custom, has been transferred to this account.

I regret to say that the expenses of operating our steamers are not so low, owing to the higher cost of our docking charges, and also to the continued high cost of fuel.

Although this is not a matter covered by the minority report, shareholders may desire to learn the Directors' views on a scheme laid before the Board some

increase the Company's capital by the issue of new shares, in order to finance the cost of the new steamer under construction and other steamers your Directors may consider it necessary to order in the near future to replace older tonnage. Satisfactory financial arrangements having been made with the Company's bankers your Directors considered it would not be in the best interest of the majority of shareholders to accede to the request to increase the Company's capital at the present time. When and if the time arrives especially in connection with the building of a new steamer for our Macao run we shall lay before you our considered proposals.

So far as the current year's trading prospects are concerned, I hesitate to express any opinion. One dominant factor continues to be the uncertain outlook in connection with the disturbed political situation which is not lessened by the lawless conditions in the neighbouring Province of Kwangtung. A business such as ours must naturally depend to a great extent upon the general industrial prosperity both of Hongkong and Canton, and until there is some definite and steady improvement in the political, industrial and financial situation there can, of course, be no real solid recovery of business.

I cannot close these remarks without again saying how much we are indebted to the officers of the Company afloat and ashore and to the Company's agents in Canton and Macao for our results and I trust you will endorse our proposal to transfer the sum set out in the accounts to Floating Staff Pension Fund and the payment of a cash bonus of \$5,446.00 to the office clerical staff and wharfingers.

I do not think there is anything more that calls for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. After the motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Heung Shan Case.
Mr. Sayce then addressed the Chairman and said: In your speech I notice you did not make any remarks regarding the very substantial sums paid to Captain Thomas and Captain Turner on being dismissed from our service. The former was in command of the Heung Shan which in view of his negligence according to the finding of the Court, was lost. Are we to infer from these payments that the Board places a premium on negligence and misconduct?

The Chairman said it was perfectly true that the Board after full consideration paid Captain Thomas full pay for six months after the finding of the Court, but it must be remembered, that he had served with an unblemished record for 23 years before the loss of the ship, besides his excellent war service. The Board had unanimously decided that he should not forfeit his pension or a reasonable grant. (Hear hear.) With regard to Mr. Turner, it had been decided for adequate reasons to dispense with his services. This officer was not drawing a pension, but a bonus was made.

Mr. Sayce then drew attention to what he termed "the extraordinarily heavy repair account," and asked whether it was not a fact that the Company did not ask for tenders for repairs but automatically gave them to the dockyard company? Was it not time they asked for quotations?

The Chairman said that it had been the practice of the Company for many years past to repair their ships at the dockyard where they were originally built. When new construction was contemplated tenders were invited, not only from Hongkong but from Shanghai and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Sayce, reverting to the question of pensions, asked how many men were on pension and how much they were receiving.

The Chairman gave the details of the six who were receiving pensions and said he did not quite follow the purport of the questions. He felt that they did not represent the view of the meeting in suggesting unwillingness to recognise excellent service rendered to the Company for many years.

Mr. Sayce asked a further question relating to the floating staff pension fund and was given particulars of the sum originally transferred and sanctioned by shareholders in 1921 and of the sums added from profit and loss account since. Until last September it had been invested in British Government Bonds; he was informed in answer to another question, but at present was in local stocks.

Mr. Holyoak said that he did not consider it necessary to defend the action of the directors in setting aside this sum for the protection of officers who had served with them for many years.

Mr. B. Shewan asked for parti-

STOP PRESS.

RUM-RUNNING.

AMERICA SHOWS LACK OF GOOD FAITH.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Boston, February 18.

There was an interesting revelation in the course of the hearing of a petition for the forfeiture of the British schooner "Marjorie Buchanan" and her cargo of liquors seized by the prohibition agents last October to the effect that the board of the schooner, which was lying at least 25 miles out, within an hour of the limit laid down by the recent British-American Treaty.

A revenue agent admitted that the voyage took four hours, owing to enforced stops.

Judge Morton declared that the seizure was "an action showing lack of good faith on the part of the Government, toward a friendly Foreign Power."

PRUSSIA.

NEW CABINET NOT POPULAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, February 18.

A New Prussian Cabinet has been constituted, with Herr Marx as Premier and the Centre member, Herr Severing, as Minister for the Interior.

The members of the Right are already declaring that the Government, including Herr Severing, is regarded as provocative and meets with the strongest opposition.

ANOTHER WAR?

SKIRMISHING WEST OF TAIHU LAKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, February 19.

According to unconfirmed reports, skirmishing broke out yesterday between Sun Chuan-fang's allied Chekiang and Fokienese troops and Fengtien forces west of Taihu Lake.

culars as to the amount recovered by insurance for the Heung Shan, and was informed that it was \$230,000. He then asked if the Board considered that that was sufficient in view of her profit value and considering that one costing a half a million was being built to replace her. The Board had in his opinion been very negligent in not insuring it for more.

The Chairman replied that the Board were quite prepared to defend its policy in regard to the amount of insurance. They had to consider the insurance amounts as a whole and running costs were increasing year by year.

Mr. Shewan said that in regard to expenses it was the opinion outside that the Company was being run very extravagantly. He asked for particulars as to office expenditure and was informed that these would be given on application. Particulars as to the investments of the Company could not be given in the interests of the Company was the reply to a further question.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman said that there was not the slightest feeling of resentment at the criticism which he was of opinion did a Company good, particularly when, as in their case, they had nothing to fear. During the course of the year, which had by no means been an easy one, he could say from his own personal knowledge that loyal and devoted service had been given in the solution of very difficult questions.

Other business was the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie and J. M. Alves as directors (proposed by Mr. Randall and seconded by Mr. da Silva); the re-appointment of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and Mr. C. D. Weill, retiring directors (proposed by Mr. Chau Tsun-nin and seconded by Mr. Croucher); and the re-appointment of Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors (proposed by Mr. Sayce and seconded by Mr. Zimmerer).

LOCAL CINEMA FEATURES.

"SCARAMOUCHE."

The Adolph Zukor prize has been awarded by a distinguished body of judges to Rafael Sabatini for his novel "Scaramouche" produced on the screen by Rex Ingram. Mr. Zukor offered the prize to the writer whose story or play made the best picture to be produced on the screen and publicly exhibited in a theatre during the year beginning September 1, 1923, and ended on September 1, 1924.

The final choice narrowed down to seventeen productions, as follows:—

The Dramatic Life of Abraham Lincoln, A Woman of Paris, Scaramouche, The Iron Horse, The Marriage Circle, The Ten Commandments, Anna Christie, Beau Brummel, Girl Shy, The Humming Bird, The Thief of Bagdad, The Sea Hawk, Secrets, America, The Enchanted Cottage, Merton of the Movies and Monsieur Beaucaire.

This number was finally reduced to three: "Scaramouche," "The Thief of Bagdad," and "A Woman of Paris."

"Scaramouche" is, from all view-points, an exceptional motion picture. It possesses that fluidity of action which is essential to effectiveness on the screen; it reflects realistically a particularly dramatic period of history—the period of the French Revolution; it possesses great pictorial beauty in costumes, backgrounds and the composition of scenes. It was directed with skill and appreciation by Mr. Ingram, and played by a brilliant cast; above all, it is a good story founded on the basic principles of drama and embellished with striking detail. The credit for this is Mr. Sabatini's. He wrote "Scaramouche" with consistent attention to the continuity of his narrative and regard for the eloquence of dramatic incident. The strokes of his pen were broad—his mood heroic. For that reason, "Scaramouche" provided ideal material for a motion picture.

This fine picture will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Saturday.

"KOENIGSMARK."

The World Theatre has been showing the wonderful picturisation of Pierre Benoit's world famous novel "Koenigsmark" for the last two days with great success. It describes a Russian Princess named Aurore Tumenev, who marries Duke Rudolphe of Lautenbourg, heir to the throne of Mecklenburg. Six months after their marriage, Rudolphe, desperate, being unable to make Aurore love him, consents to undertake a mission to Kamerun. During his absence, Aurore joins her father in Paris and frequents all the gayest places in search of pleasure to forget her sorrows. One day, she receives the news that her husband had died in Kamerun. Being the reigning Duchess, Aurore returns to Lautenbourg, where she becomes seriously ill during the Court mourning.

She makes the acquaintance of Raoul Vignerte, the tutor of Prince Joachim, a young French scientist, poet, and novelist, who employs his leisure reading historical works in the Castle library to ascertain how, after the assassination in the Palace of Hanover on July 1, 1924, the corpse of Koenigsmark disappeared. He discovers the secrets of the fireplace in the Armory Hall of Lautenbourg Castle. Hidden there was a skeleton—nothing other than that of the Grand Duke of Rudolphe, who had disappeared on his way to Kamerun but had been reported dead on the battlefield.

Warned by Melusine, the Duchess's lady in waiting, Duke Frederick and his accomplice, Baron Boose, set fire to the wing of the Castle in order to destroy the proof of their crime.

An order comes to Vignerte from the Duke to arrest him as the declaration of war was expected at any moment. Asserting her prerogatives as Grand Duchess and sure of the devotion of her orderly officer, Aurore prepares Vignerte's flight, and accompanies him as far as the frontier.

After the war and after the Duke expiated his crime, Aurore signed her abdication as a protest against a world which she considered a crime against humanity.

The play picture is played by an excellent cast with picturesque settings and some scenes. It will be screened at the World Theatre until Sunday.

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FOURTH TEST MATCH AT MELBOURNE.

ENGLAND'S FINE VICTORY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, February 18. Australia were all out for 250 in their second innings, England thus winning by an innings and 23 runs (as reported in the second edition of the "China Mail" yesterday).

The sudden and dramatic finish came as the greatest possible surprise in consideration of the fact that the wicket had improved and was ideal from a batsman's point of view.

Tate was the chief instrument of destruction. Collins described him after the game as "magnificent." He was materially helped by the brilliant work of Strudwick, whose catches were beyond praise.

The match ended on the stroke of 1.30 p.m., and the crowd surged on to the ground and followed the Englishmen to the pavilion cheering vociferously.

A. E. R. Gilligan, the English captain, was congratulated by the Governor-General, Lord Forster, and the Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Strathmore. Others who offered their felicitations were Warwick Armstrong, Clem Hill, and Collins, the latter being one of the first to do so.

Until to-day England had not won a Test Match against Australia since the game at Kensington Oval in August 1914.

Full scores:—

ENGLAND.—1ST INNINGS.

J. H. Hobbs, st. Oldfield, b. Ryder	66
J. W. Hearne, c. Bardsley, b. Richardson	44
H. Sutcliffe, lb.w. b. Mailey	148
F. W. Woolley, st. Oldfield, b. Mailey	40
A. P. F. Chapman, st. Oldfield, b. Mailey	12
E. Hendren, b. Ryder	65
W. W. Whysall, st. Oldfield, b. Kelleway	76
A. E. R. Gilligan, c. Oldfield, b. Kelleway	70
R. Kilner, lb.w. b. Kelleway	4
M. W. Tate, c. Taylor, b. Mailey	8
H. Strudwick, not out	7
Extras	13
Total	548

1126, 21232, 31234, 4307, 5346, 6394, 7527, 8527, 9529, 10548.
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Mailey	186	4
Kelleway	70	3
Ryder	83	2
Richardson	76	1
Gregory	120	0
Collins, c. Kilner, b. Tate	22	0
Ryder, b. Tate	0	0
Bardsley, run out	24	0
Richardson, b. Hearne	19	0
Ponsford, c. Strudwick, b. Hearne	21	0
Taylor, c. Hendren, b. Woolley	86	0
Andrews, c. Hearne, b. Kilner	35	0
Kelleway, lb.w. b. Kilner	1	0
Gregory, c. Woolley, b. Hearne	38	0
Oldfield, c. Chapman, b. Kilner	3	0
Mailey, not out	4	0
Extras	16	0
Total	269	0

138, 236, 364, 474, 5109, 6170, 7172, 8244, 9257, 10269.
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Tate	70	2
Gilligan	24	0
Hearne	77	3
Kilner	29	2
Woolley	53	1
Collins, c. Whysall, b. Kilner	1	0
Bardsley, b. Tate	0	0
Gregory, c. Sutcliffe, b. Kilner	45	0
Taylor, c. Woolley, b. Gilligan	68	0
Ryder, lb.w. b. Woolley	38	0
Kelleway, c. Strudwick, b. Tate	42	0
Andrews, c. Strudwick, b. Tate	3	0
Ponsford, b. Tate	19	0
Richardson, lb.w. b. Hearne	3	0
Oldfield, b. Tate	8	0
Mailey, not out	8	0
Extras	15	0
Total	250	0

15, 215, 364, 4133, 5190, 6195, 7225, 8234, 9238, 10250.
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Tate	75	5
Hearne	76	1
Gilligan	25	1
Woolley	17	1
Kilner	42	2

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Upward of 100 Chinese shops in Peking had to close their doors at the New Year, owing to financial difficulties.

The Secretary to the Shanghai Municipal Council has been directed to take the necessary action to enforce the registration of Chinese and unregistered foreign medical practitioners, and also to carry into effect the Council's decision to impose a condition to the licence issued to chemists on the lines of the minute of July 16 last.

The appointment of a paid adjutant for the Shanghai Volunteer Corps is being considered by the Watch Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The goal of \$40,000 has been set for the 25th annual campaign of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Shanghai.

Although an analysis of the returns for 1923 shows that the British Empire's share of the foreign trade was about 41 per cent, it should not be overlooked, says a writer in the "London Times," that Hongkong contributed nearly two-thirds of that share, and in this connection the fact that Hongkong is a distributing centre for South China, should not be forgotten.

The expenses incurred by the F.M.S. Government in connection with the visit of the King of Siam, amounted to \$1,217.25.

At present foreign money orders are issued and cashed by eleven post-offices in Siam, including two in Bangkok. That number will be doubled from April 1.

Last Thursday being the anniversary of the unification of the north and south of China, a general holiday was declared in Shanghai. All local Chinese public offices, with the exception of the Mixed Court, were closed for the day. The holiday was really a nominal one, because of the political situation, and most of the official staffs were working as usual. Flags decorated the doors of the different offices, but there were no receptions.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Among passengers leaving Hongkong for Australia yesterday by the s.s. "Mishima Maru" were Mr. M. Munuk, Mr. M. E. F. Airey and Mrs. and Miss Airey, and Mr. Tang (St. Stephen's College).

Lieut. G. A. S. Cope, East Surrey Regiment, arrived here by the s.s. "Malwa" and rejoined the unit.

Lieut. and A. I. R. E. M. C. E. Dodd, R. E., and Lieut. O. S. G. Sheppard, R. E., having embarked for home on December 19 and 31, respectively, have now been struck off the strength of the local Command.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, on January 31 of Mr. C. P. Adams, of Messrs. Gow, Somerville and Co., Colombo, with Miss Ursula Mary (May) Pirrie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pirrie of Adderstone Lodge, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, Middlesex.

Typically courteous is General Sir John Fowler's letter to the Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. During his occupancy of the Command in Hongkong General Fowler has paid several visits to Shanghai, most of them connected with the Volunteers, and he has always taken the keenest interest in the doings and efficiency of the Corps, while the very great charm of his personality has made him extremely popular with all ranks. And it is characteristic of him, that he writes not to say farewell, but merely au revoir.

The newly appointed Foreign Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Hu Chun, arrived in Hankow on February 8. He is a returned student who studied in France, and he is a native of Hupeh.

Sir Anton Bertram, Chief Justice of Ceylon, presided for the last time at the Kandy Assizes on January 30. At the close of the day's work the entire Bar assembled in the Audience Hall to join in an expression of farewell, and tributes were paid to Sir Anton by the leading members of the legal profession in Kandy.

A cablegram from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., announces the death of Miss Clyde Bartholomew on February 8. Miss Bartholomew went out to Manila in 1905 to open a Bible Training School for Girls in Manila. She continued as the Principal of the school to the time of her going to America a year ago on account of illness.

An order for the confiscation of 14 revolvers, seven automatic pistols and 3,000 rounds of ammunition, was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Sergeant Johnstone, who made the application, said that the Captain of the s.s. "Angkor" handed him the stuff.

According to the old Chinese calendar to-day is the beginning of the season of Rain Water (yu-shui).

There was a clean bill of health on Derby Day, and a clean sweep for the winners of cash sweeps.

At Kowloon, surveying work is being carried out in connection with the scheme of constructing a bund along the river front leading to Pak-kai.

The enquiry into the facts attendant on the fatal parachute descent of Mr. R. Earnshaw has been fixed for Wednesday, next, February 25.

"The Rock," the organ of the local Catholic Men's Club, has made a belated appearance. This is the first issue since November, but it is hoped in future to appear regularly monthly. The November-February magazine is very good. The local subjects are interestingly treated, and there are several excellent articles of a more general nature.

The Chekiang forces appear to have been very much alert when they decided to evacuate Shanghai. Among the things they took with them were five of the French aeroplanes from the aerodrome at Lungwa. These planes formed part of General Lu Yung-hsiang's airforce which daily went bombing the enemy lines during the September war. According to the "Chinese Press," General Kuanhsin, the Minister of War, ordered the local police chief to seize the machines but when his men reached the aerodrome it was as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. C. D. Armstrong, M.C., East Surrey Regiment, has been promoted to Captain from October 16.

The appointment of Lt.-Col. L. M. Cosgrave in succession to Dr. J. W. Ross (retired) as Canadian Trade Commissioner to China is now officially announced by the Minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa.

The Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of Ceylon (formerly of Hongkong) is acting as Officer Administering the Government until the arrival of the new Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, G.C.M.G.

Mr. W. Adam Oram is revisiting familiar scenes and old friends at Bangkok. He retired from the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shortly after his last visit to the East, which was in 1917. He has been staying with Mr. R. C. Edwards. He is returning home across the Pacific.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, which was tastefully decorated with bamboos, plants, and flowers, on February 12, when Miss Edith Margaret Grey, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. Lawson Grey, of Shanghai, became the bride of Mr. Robert Frost, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frost of Redcar, Yorkshire. Dean Symons officiated.

The marriage is announced to take place at Shanghai in March of Major K. M. Bourne, M.C., late South Lancashire Regiment, younger son of Sir Frederick Bourne, G.M.G., and Lady Bourne, of Mayfield, Sussex, and Marion, daughter of Mr. Harold Porter, H.M. Consul-General at Mukden, and of Mrs. Porter.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, Minister in Peking, will become Dean of the Diplomatic Corps with the departure from Peking this month of the present Dean, M. Batilha de Freitas, and of the acting Dean, Mr. Oudenrijk. In order of presentation of credentials, Dr. Schurman is actually sixth on the diplomatic list, but following the Portuguese and Dutch Ministers, come the Minister from Cuba, who is at present absent, the Norwegian Minister, who has asked to be relieved of the duties owing to lack of staff to handle the extra work, and lastly, the Brazilian Minister, who is absent from Peking. Dr. Schurman has been Minister to China since September, 1921.

The F.M.S. Government has contributed a sum of \$2,142.57 toward the Imperial Institute funds.

Four men appeared on February 12, before the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on a charge of intimidating workers at the Nagai Wata Kaisha Cotton Mills, where about 10,000 men, women and children are now out of work. Three of the men were brought before Mr. Jacobs, American Assessor and one before Mr. Bucknell. The case was remanded.

Owing to the influx of a considerable number of light-weight copper coin, the value of silver coin has increased. In some parts of Shanghai 400 coppers can be obtained for \$1 silver. One man alone is said to have brought to Shanghai more than half a million of the light-weight coins. The authorities, in response to a request from the merchants, have consented to take action forbidding their import under threat of severe punishment.

A novel method of combating mosquitoes was proposed recently to the French Academy of Science by Dr. Legendre. He stated that in certain parts of Brittany he had discovered a family of harmless mosquitoes which do not bite. Close search revealed the fact that wherever these particular mosquitoes are found, the noxious type do not exist. The proposal, therefore, is to breed millions of these non-biting mosquitoes at all points where their presence would be desirable to evacuate the other and dangerous families.

Armed robberies, though not occurring with the frequency which characterized the situation several months ago, are nevertheless taking place with a regularity of period, not locality, that is causing the Shanghai police many an anxious moment. The number of arrests made fortunately counterbalances the crimes committed, and with such a state of affairs existing, the officers of the law are to be congratulated on the work done, says a local paper.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Major F. A. B. Johnstone, 24th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.) has been granted six months' extension of leave until August 22.

The Wish Wynne company of entertainers sailed for Singapore yesterday by the s.s. "Tilawa."

Captain G. J. Dilg, well known in local shipping circles, was a passenger for Singapore by the s.s. "Tilawa" yesterday.

Mr. Andrew W. Anderson, the Hongkong representative of the United States Shipping Board, was a passenger to Manila by the s.s. "President Pierce" yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Robert Charles Piggett of the R.A.O.C., to Miss Elsie Molly Dixon, of Brown Hill, Catford.

The Very Rev. Fr. P. Tamayo, Provincial of the Dominican Order in the Far East, was a passenger by the s.s. "Mishima Maru," yesterday for Manila. Father Tamayo is returning from an extended visit of inspection of the several missions of his Order. He is an accomplished English scholar and was for several years connected with the University of Santo Tomas, one of the oldest Universities in the world.

The P. and O. s.s. "Kashgar" is bringing the following passengers to Hongkong:—Mr. L. R. Andrews, Mr. C. H. Burgess, Mr. H. W. Brumham, R.N., Miss G. Chettle, Mr. P. J. Condon, Lieut. J. R. A. Cockayne, Mr. V. H. Chittenden, Pay Comdr. F. G. Cunningham, R.N., Mr. W. A. Dyer, Mr. J. S. Dick, Mrs. B. De Saunaine, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Master Eastman, Mr. J. E. Eagles, Mr. Wm. FitzSimons, Mr. J. C. S. Fender, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Glover and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Histed, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland and child, Mr. E. E. Hagger, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Leddra and infant, Mr. J. W. W. McDougall, Mr. L. G. Mist, Mr. W. W. Muir, Rev. The Hon. S. G. W. Mathland, Mrs. J. MacIndoe, Dr. and Mrs. I. Newton, Mr. Adams Oram, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robout, Surg.-Lt. W. J. Rutimey, R.N., Mr. M. Smith, Mrs. M. Sanza, Miss E. Sampson, Mr. C. H. Sidebottom, C.P.O. W. H. Spargo, Mr. G. B. S. Thomson, Mr. R. H. Thomas, Sub-J.A. C. W. Vereker, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson and child, Mr. G. Watt, Surg.-Comdr. J. Whelan, R.N., Gunner C. H. Welch, Pay-Lt. Comdr. H. C. Waldron, R.N.

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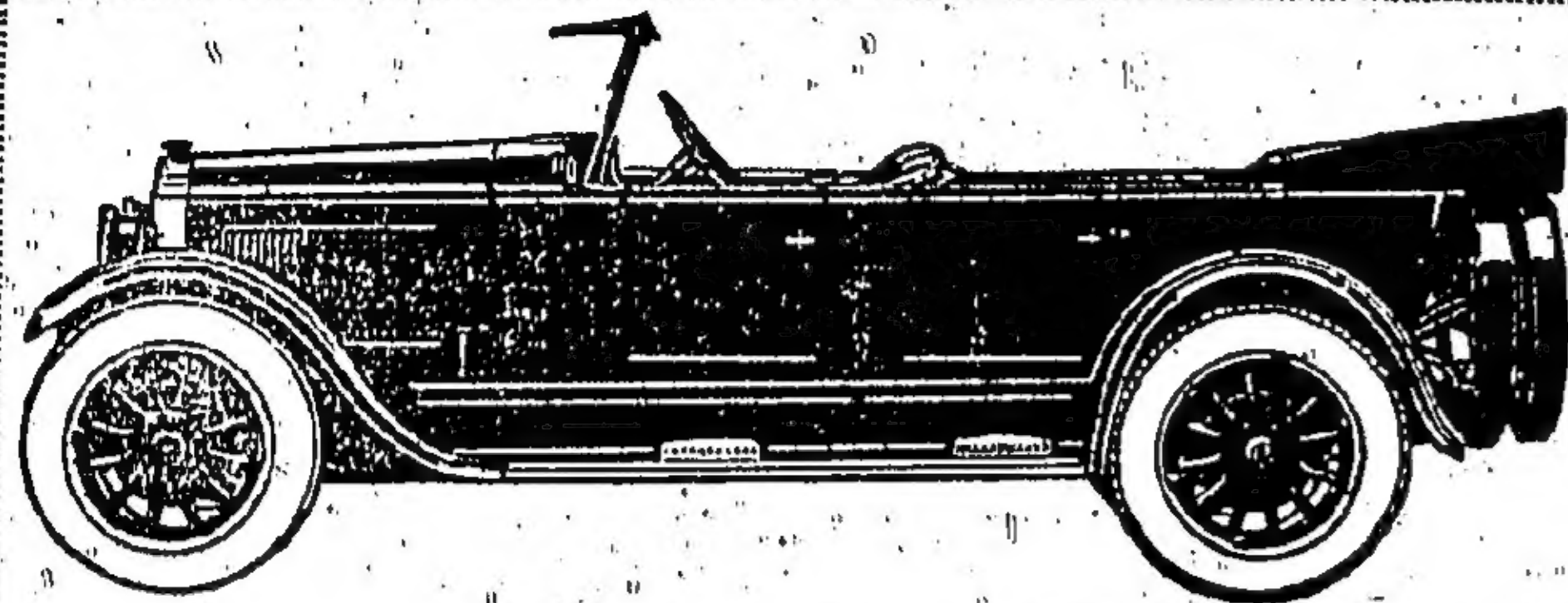


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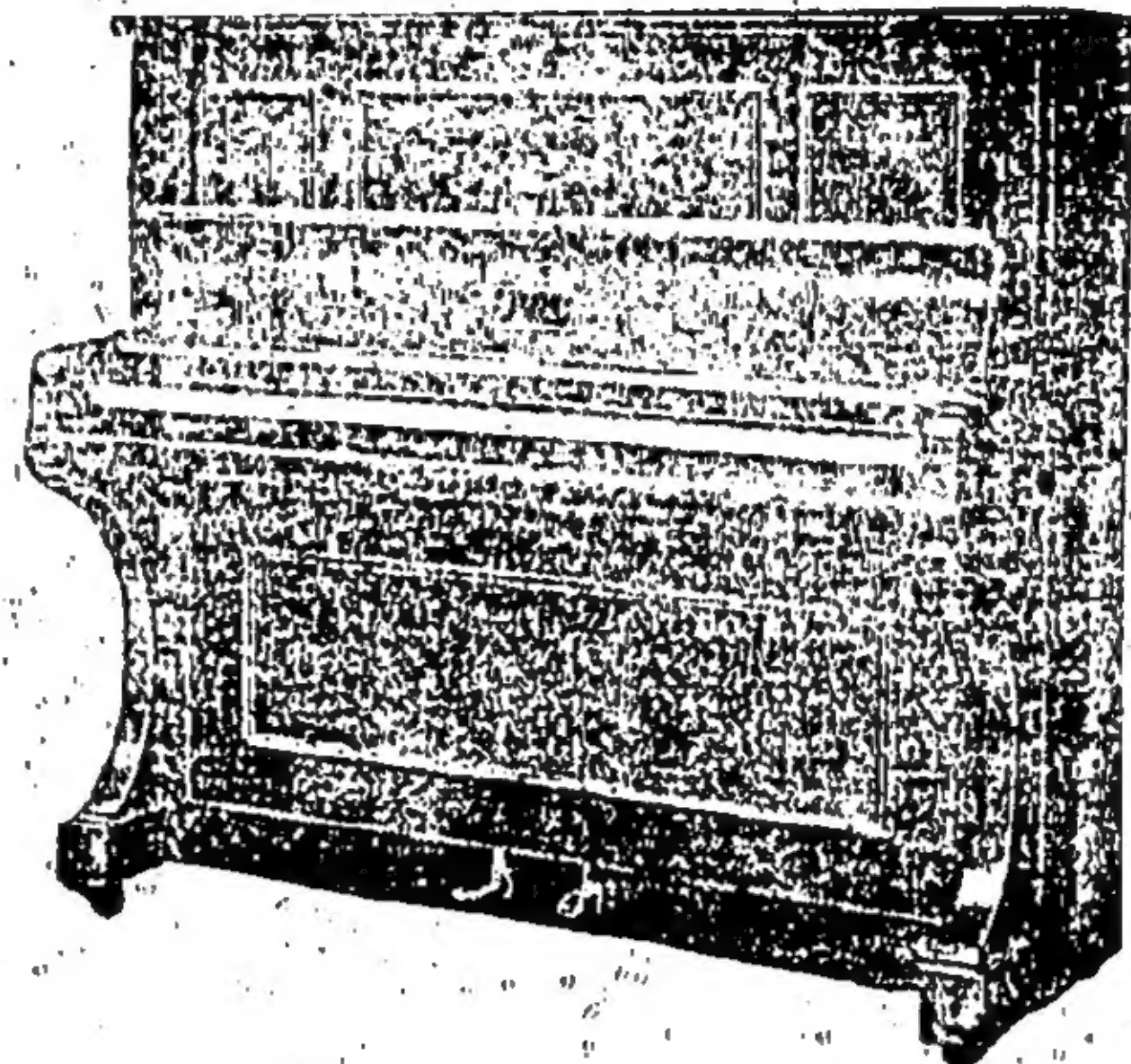
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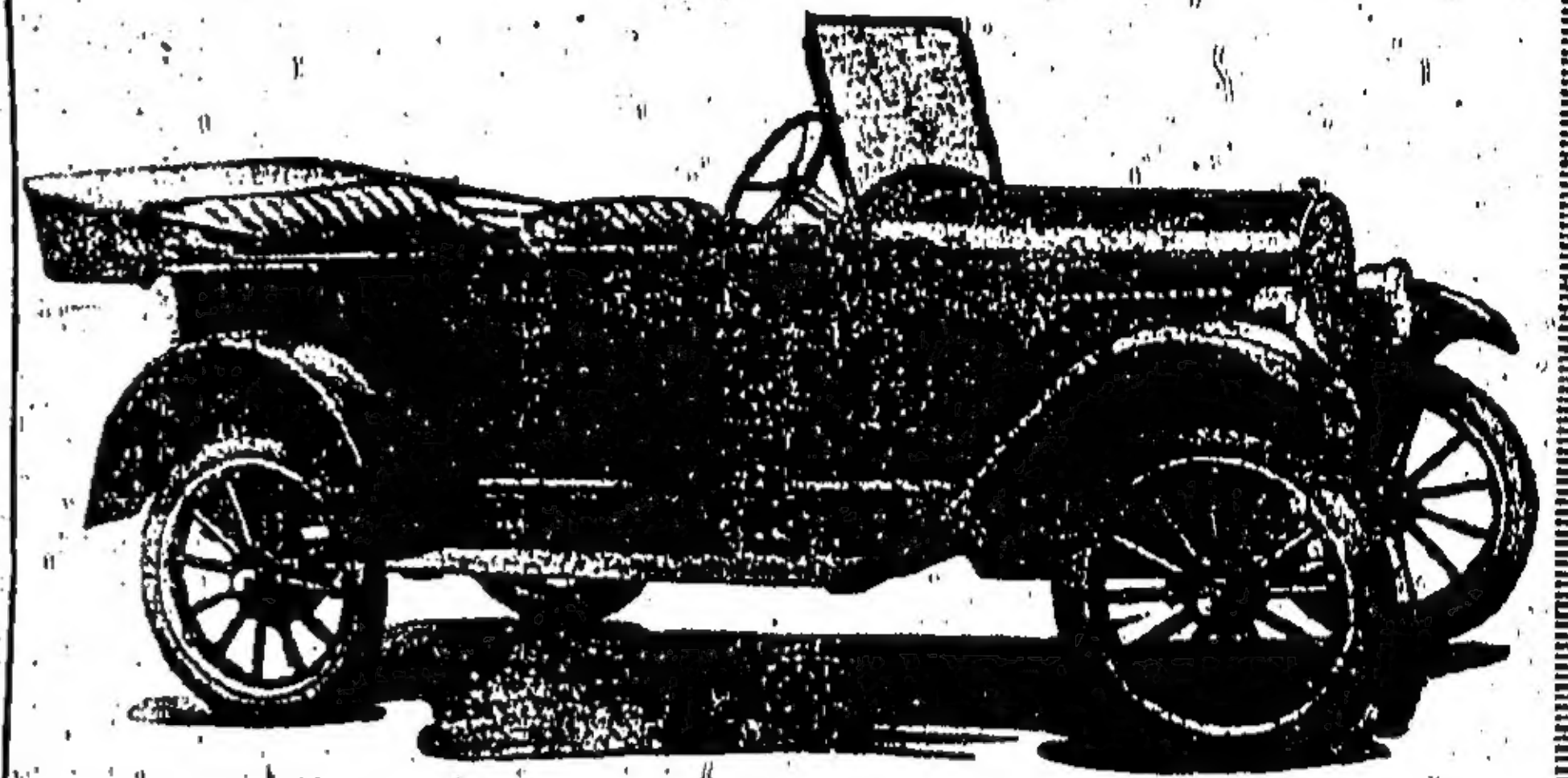
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Votes are given free and can be obtained by securing fully paid subscriptions to The China Mail or Sunday Herald.

Votes issued to one member cannot be transferred to another member.

No employee of this paper or member of the employees' family may become a member.

The Campaign is open to anyone anywhere. With the first subscription for \$36.00 you secure, you will be given the votes on the "First subscription coupon." You may use only one of these coupons during the entire campaign as no more will be counted for one member.

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The old saying "Rome wasn't built in a day," is but another way of emphasizing the fact that you cannot climb the ladder of success in any under-taking in a few days' time, but in this day and age we find almost daily examples of the success that crowns a careful planning, consistently followed out. That is the secret of success in this great enterprise—a good plan—carefully followed out. Select your plan to-day and follow it through—it means VICTORY.

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All that is necessary to win one of the beautiful prizes is a desire for the prize, and the honour of winning it, and a willingness to devote a little time to calling on your friends and getting them to help you.

At the close of the Campaign the votes will be counted by judges appointed by the members themselves. Each member is requested to select some prominent person to act as a judge. The judges so appointed will take charge of the ballot box and carry it to a public place where the votes will be counted and the prizes awarded in full view of the public.

With a little effort and a few minutes' work each day one of these beautiful prizes may be yours. Take advantage of every special credit offer. Watch the stories that are published each day, as they will take up many interesting points regarding the Campaign.

Any questions or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Campaign Manager and his decision shall be final and conclusive.

In accepting entry, members agree to abide by the conditions named. The Campaign Manager reserves the right to make any changes in the conditions necessary in the interests of the campaign and contestants other than to reduce the number of prizes and the manner in which they are to be given.

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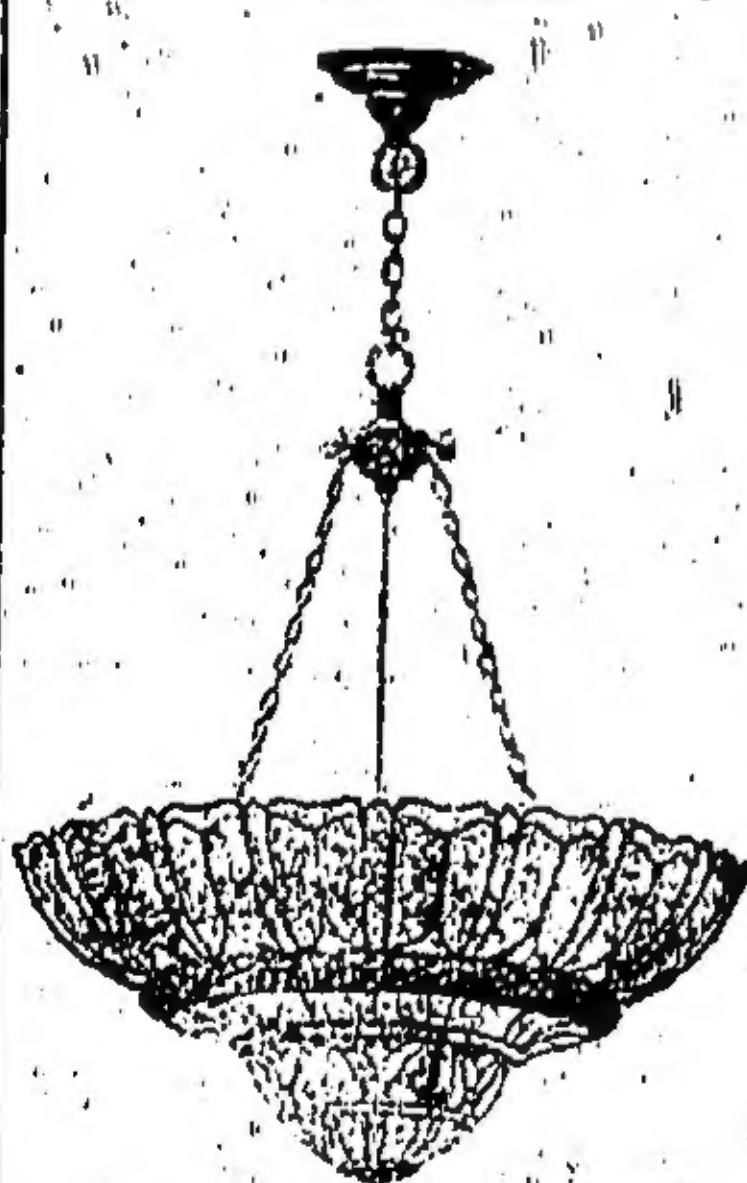
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\$250.00 Brunswick Cabinet Phonograph. Purchased from, and on display at, the Brunswick Studio, Yvanovich & Co., 17, Ice House Street.

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Vacation trip for two people to Foochow and return on the special vacation cruise of the Douglas Steamship Co.

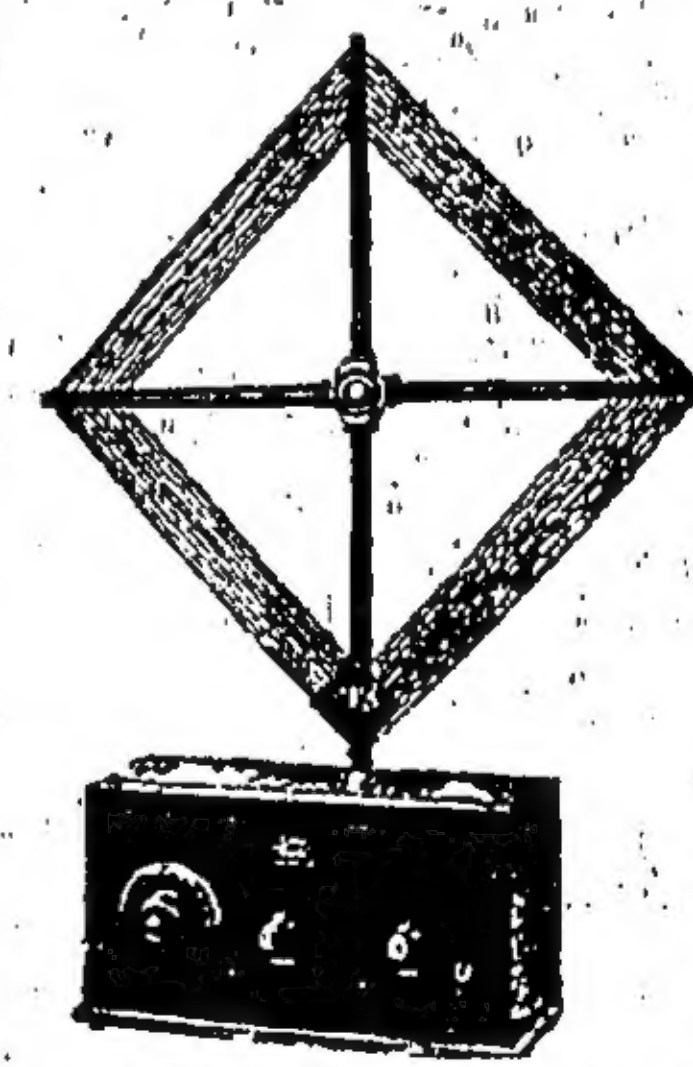
One dozen \$96.00 large Portraits purchased from Mee Fong Studio, 7 Wyndham Street.

One Pathe-Baby motion picture machine complete with six films and cleaning outfit, purchased from the Pathe-Orient, 72, Queen's Road.

One Pair of \$60.00 No. 8 power German Binoculars purchased from, and on display at, N. Lazarus, 12, Queen's Road.

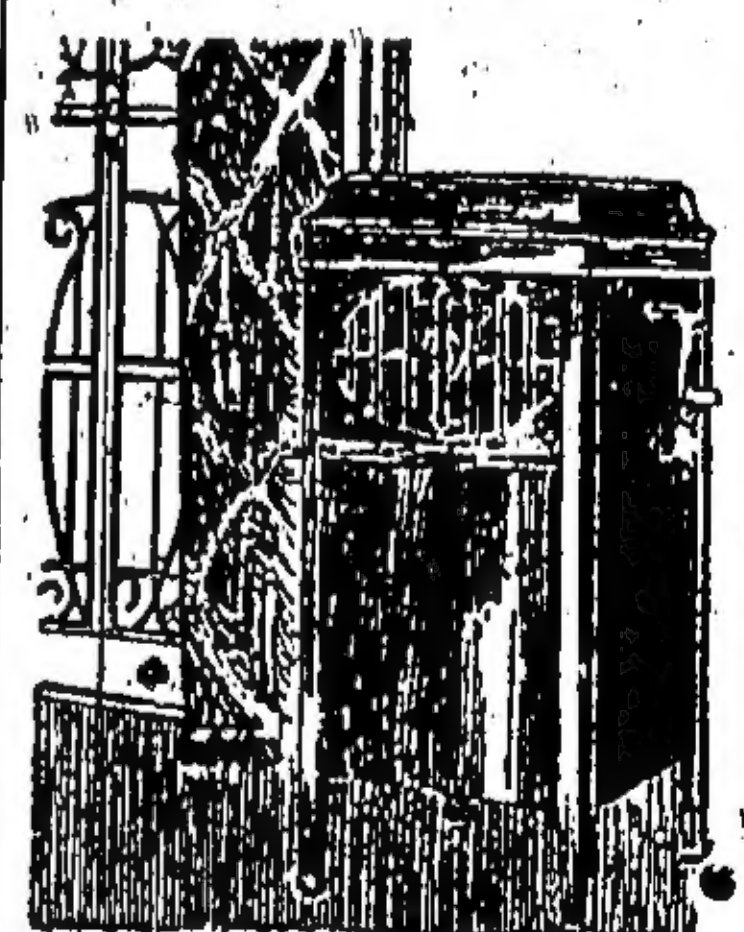
Ticket Book for two people to attend each programme for Three Months at the Coronet Theatre.

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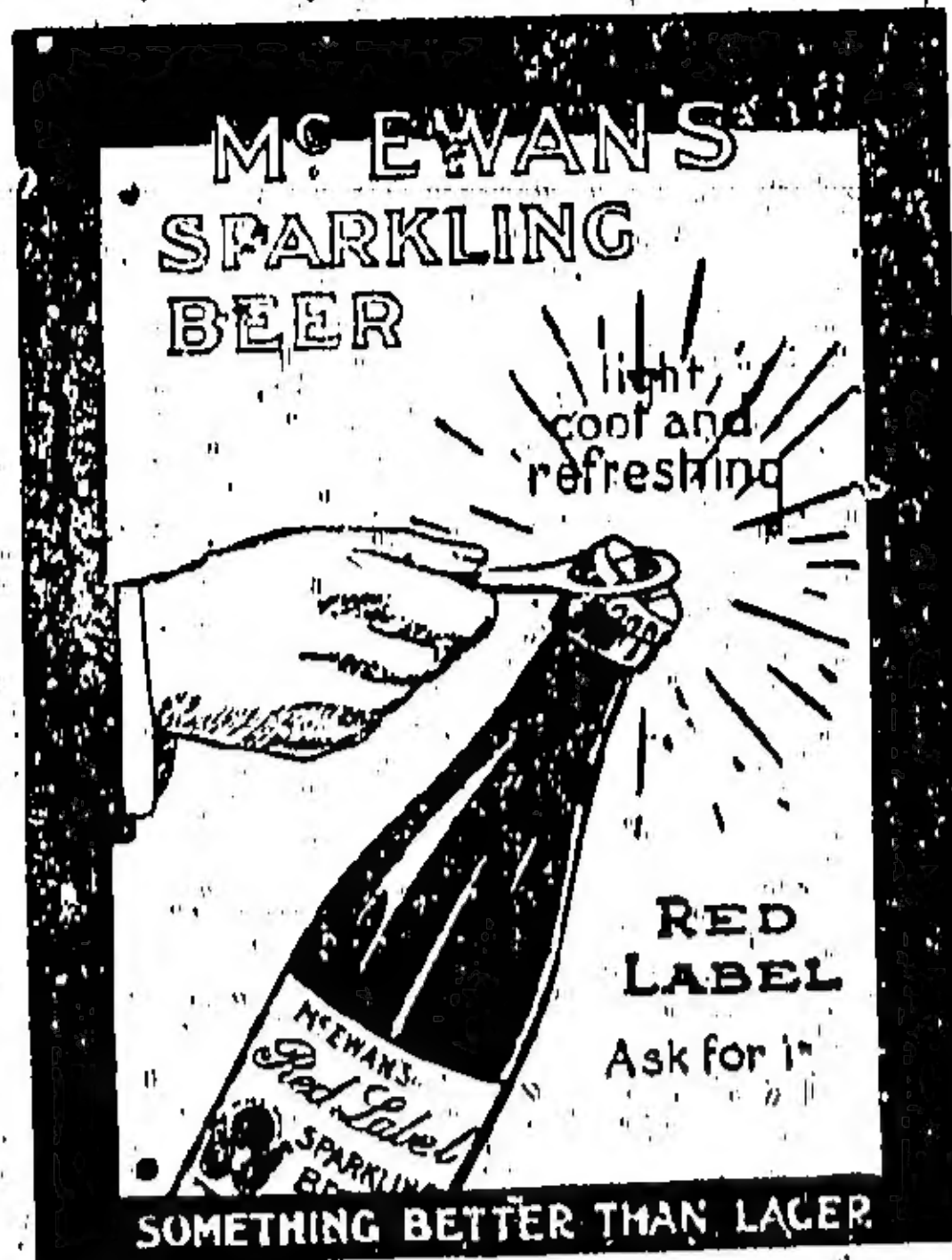
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Radio fans reached down into the Missouri State Prison, in Jefferson City, and liberated Harry Snodgrass, serving a long time for badmily. Snodgrass, nicknamed "King of the Ivories" by radio fans because of his ability as a piano player, walked out of the prison into the arms of his wife and their eight-year-old son. In his pocket was a contract to appear for two years in vaudeville with J. M. Witten, an announcer at Station WOL, who was responsible for introducing Snodgrass to his invisible audience.



WINIFRED HART

Winifred Westover Hart, estranged wife of the noted "two-gun man" of the movies, won a point in the court tangle. Hart, who had agreed to a separation, and who had settled a trust fund of \$200,000 on his wife and son, placed in the agreement a clause barring her from acting in the films. The judge ruled that this was "in restraint of trade" and therefore illegal.

RUSSIAN ROYALTY.



GRAND DUKE & DUCHESS BORIS

Grand Duke Boris of Russia, accompanied by his wife, has reached New York for a visit to the new Monday Opera Club, organized there to support the famous "God" of society. Grand Duke Boris is a brother of Grand Duke Cyril who recently proclaimed himself "Emperor of All the Russias." Boris is said to have come to a fortune of millions of dollars he deposited in American banks during the war.

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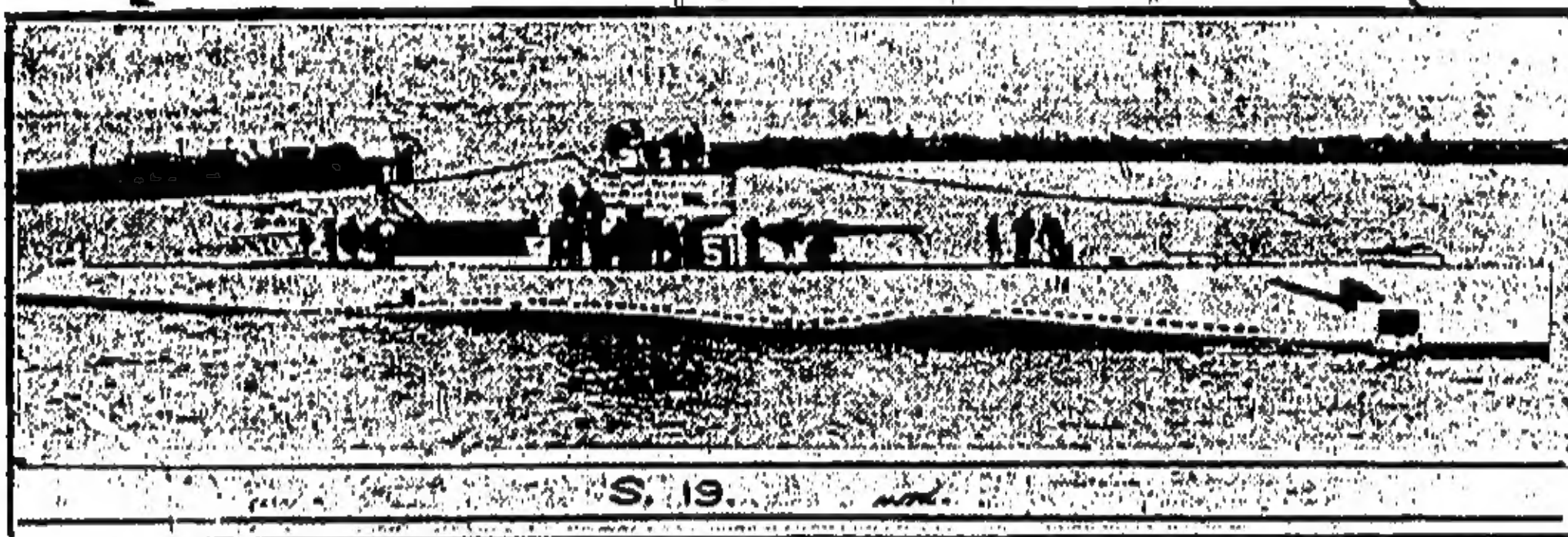
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PRINCE HABIB LOTFULLAH

Prince Habib Lotfullah, in Envoys and Special Representative of the Arabian Government.



DAME ELLEN TERRY

Ellen Terry, the famous actress, has been created Dame Grand Commander of the British Empire.

TOO BIG FOR A CHINA PONY.



FRANCIS CURLEY

Francis Curley, who is still a growing boy, tips the scales at 410 lbs. He is very fond of racing—but only, needless to add, as a spectator.



KING VICTOR EMMANUEL

Unconcerned messages from Italy, filed in France, report that King Victor Emmanuel saved his throne by refusing to sign a decree presented to him by Premier Benito Mussolini, dissolving the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The message declares that had King Victor Emmanuel signed the decree, he would now be on his way to exile in England.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.

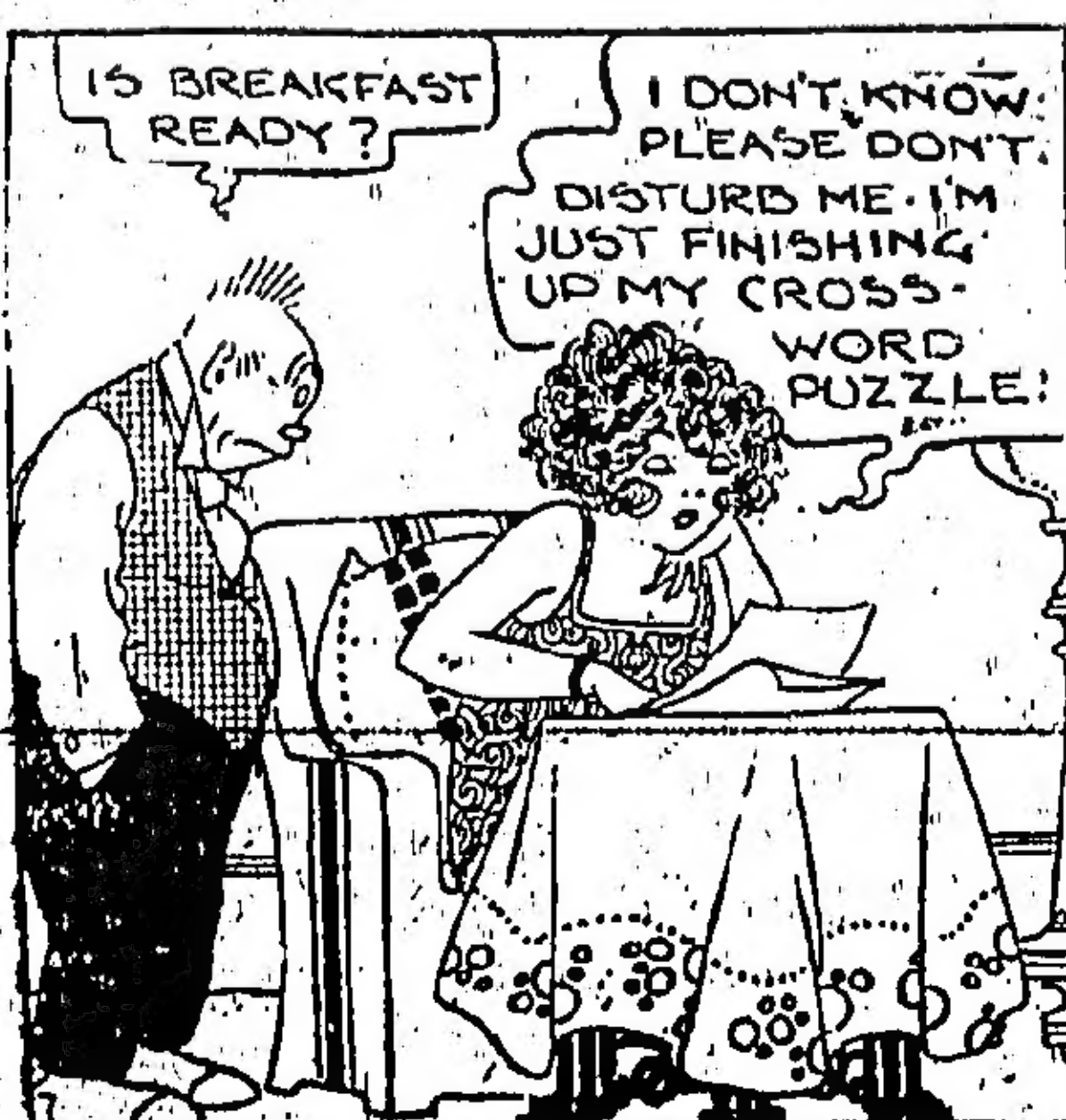


Mrs. ERNEST BARTHOLOMEW & WALKER D. HINES

Below: THOMAS A. EDISON & FATHER GEORGE BENNETT

Father George Bennett, "fighting priest," was the chief witness against a civilian and eleven police officers charged with conspiracy to smuggle liquor. Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor, declares the use of the paravane principle on battleships causing them to roll and fire their guns on the top of the roll, will increase their range to make them fire as far as British guns, without elevating them. Walker D. Hines, has been appointed Commissioner of Economic and Administrative Details of Rhine and Danube Navigation by the League of Nations. Mrs. Ernest Bartholomew, is said to have signed an affidavit that "bought" the pardon of her husband, convicted of stealing a motor car.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



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Mukao, from Shanghai
Bank of Holland, Lookchow, c/o
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E. V. JESSEN,
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WORLD OF SPORT.

THIRD TEST MATCH.

HOME COMMENTS DURING
THE GAME.

London, January 16.

Colonel Philip Trevor, writing in
the "Daily Telegraph," says that
the Australian batsmen seized "a
fine chance." "Things were in a
bad way when Andrews and Ryder
made their stand. Neither was
overwhelmed by the importance of
the occasion and the difficulty of
the situation. There has not been a
case during the tour where the
Australians have failed to reproduce
their best form when it was most
wanted. It is this trait that makes
them so deservingly hard to beat.
Tato is the world's best bowler, but
his delivery is far from the best. He
cannot help sprawling a little, and
his foot pressure is very heavy.
Therefore his injury fills us with
dismay, especially when it is
coupled with the possibility of
Gilligan not being able to relieve
him. The Australians place a
tremendous responsibility upon our
batsmen, and most cordially we
invite Hobbs and Sutcliffe to do it
again. Mammoth scoring will
probably be necessary to make us
safe.

WORST OF THE LOSS.

London, January 16.

The Evening Standard, in an
article headed "Our Third Test
Luck," says: "Gilligan has not
yet won the loss and the English-
men have not managed to win the
field's golden rule. Fortune's smile
the Australians at the very outset
had their backs to the wall, and
our attack appeared to be on top,
but Gilligan and Tato's misfortune
then smoothed Australia's pathway.
That all gone well with us the
Australians might have been dis-
missed for a very modest score.
When will our luck change?"

AUSTRALIANS THE BETTER TEAM.

London, January 17.

The "Daily Express" in an
editorial says: "Whether we win
or lose the Test we ought to resist
the temptation to write about bad
luck. It is ridiculous to suggest
that Australia owes her supremacy
to the luck of the toss, or to the
comparative immunity of her
cricketers from strained thighs,
inflamed toes, troubles in the sali-
vary glands or torpid wrists. It
is neither and pluckier to face the
facts. Our men have done their
utmost, but they are not quite all
gone. After so long a contest all
our casualties were replaced by
substitutes who might be too good
enough to carry on the battle. The
real moral is that we must produce
better cricketers, with more
stamina and less liability to suc-
cumb to the caprices of fortune."

VIEWS OF P. S. JACKSON.

London, January 18.

The Hon. P. S. Jackson, inter-
viewed, expressed the opinion that
the Australian cricket authorities
ought to limit the Test Matches to
five days. "Matches spread over
seven days, and averaging 425 runs
an innings, were not conducive to
the best interests of the game."
"The Australians are great experi-
menters. They have experimented
with the eight ball over, which
personally I do not like, and why
should we experiment with the toss?
He suggests that the loser of
the first toss should have the
choice in the second and fourth
matches. A touch of piquancy is
lent to this suggestion by the fact
that Mr. Jackson won the toss
seven times in succession against
"Joe" Darling in 1905."

TRIBUTE TO GILLIGAN'S CAPTAINCY.

London, January 15.

Mr. P. F. Warner, writing in
the "Morning Post," says that the
suggestion which has been made
in a certain quarter that Gilligan
should stand down cannot be enter-
tained for a moment. "In a team
of brilliant fielders, Gilligan is a
star of the first magnitude, and the
example he has set is infectious."
"Letters I have received from
Australia show that the whole team
is immensely popular, and say that
Gilligan and his men are a wonder-
ful band of sportsmen. A captain
like that is worth his weight in gold
in a Test Match, which is now
becoming a sort of national affair.
It is certain that the chief grounds
of Great Britain cannot find room
for those who will wish to see Eng-
land and Australia eighteen months
hence, and the matter requires im-
mediate attention."

CHOICE OF INNINGS.

London, January 15.

Lord Harris, interviewed by a
representative of the Australian
Press Association, said that if
Gilligan lost the toss at Adelaide he

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

UNDEFEATED RECORD OF
ALL BLACKS.

The All Blacks finished their tour
on January 8, having beaten
everybody. Scotland which is ultra
particular about the amateur status
of the visitors, did not play them at
all. Here is their record:-

New Zealand Opponents—

Opponents	points	points
Devon	11	0
Corwall	29	0
Somerset	6	0
Gloucestershire	6	0
Swansea	30	3
Newport	13	10
Leicester	27	0
North Midlands	40	3
Cheshire	18	5
Durham	43	7
Yorkshire	42	4
Lancashire	23	0
Cumberland	31	0
Ireland	6	0
Ulster	28	6
Northumberland	27	4
Cambridge Univer-	5	0
sity	31	6
Oxford University	33	15
Cardiff	16	8
Wales	19	0
Llanelli	8	3
East Midlands	31	7
Warwickshire	20	0
Continental Services	25	3
Hampshire	22	0
London	28	3
England	17	11

Making a total of 651 points for
to 18 against.

GOLF.

CONUNDRUM FOR SOME
PLAYERS.

A "conundrum" has arisen, the
facts being as follows, says a golf
writer in a Home paper: A
slices his drive in the direction of
an out-of-bounds area. As there
was a "probability" that the ball
was out, he played a provisional
ball, but on coming up to the spot
his caddy found the ball in
bounds. A promptly picked up the
second ball and went to the
first, which he then decided was
unplayable. He then went back
to the tee and started all over
again. The "conundrum" is:
How many shots has A now play-
ed? "Five," say the knowledg-
able people, because having
decided that the first ball was un-
playable he should have continued
with the provisional ball. Hav-
ing picked this one up, he is then
playing five shots with the third
ball brought into play.

The basis of the contention is
scarcely sound, inasmuch as the
provisional ball had relation only
to the first shot, which might have
gone out of bounds, and had noth-
ing whatever to do with A's
subsequent decision that the ball
was unplayable. It is further
contended that rather than saving
time, which, as I have indicated,
is the chief purpose of the new
rule, A was wasting it. Even if
he did do some unnecessary
tramping backwards and for-
wards his action was accidental
and not intentional. The R. and
A. have been asked to settle the
question. I do not think there is
much doubt that their answer to
the "conundrum" will be "three."

What should a player do in the
following set of circumstances?
His ball is lying on a leaf on the
putting-green, and under a local
rule he is entitled to lift the ball
for the purpose of removing mud.
Having done so, he then claims
that he is entitled to remove the
leaf as a loose impediment. But
if he does he is improving the lie
of the ball, and this is a cardinal
sin. From a strictly ethical and
sporting point of view the ball
should be replaced on the leaf.
The case is taken a step further—
"supposing before the ball is
replaced the leaf is caught by a
gust of wind and is blown among
thousands of others, what are you
to do then?" "Buy a revolver," I
should say.

would approach the Board of Con-
trol with the suggestion that in
future tests the captains should toss
for the first, third and fifth matches,
the loser of the toss for the first
and third matches having the right
of choice of innings in the second
and fourth games. "He was of the
opinion that the countries would
never agree to the tests in England
lasting longer than three days."

Mr. P. F. Warner, when inter-
viewed, combated the idea that the
long Australian matches were dull.
"The bowling and fielding were
always high-class, and the field was
constantly fighting for runs,
and there was a thrill every minute."

FAMOUS BOWLER'S COMMENTS.

London, January 16.

S. F. Barnes, writing in the
"Daily Chronicle," says the people

GAMES AND PLAYERS.

TRIBUTE TO INDIVIDUAL
SKILL.

Does the game make the player,
or does the player make the game?
The writer thinks the game makes
the player, says Damon Runyon.

In only one competitive sport
can he think of a player who has
gone beyond his game, who can be
said to have made his game in-
stead of the game making him.

This player is Willie Hoppe, the
balk line billiards king. Hoppe be-
came so good at his game that
they had to revise it, make it more
difficult.

This is, perhaps, the highest tri-
bute ever paid to individual skill
in the history of sport.

Take the greatest baseball players
in the game today. None of them
have displayed a superiority over
the game that necessitated any
material advance in the game to
keep step with their prowess.

Old timers tell of a player of
a bygone day, the great "King"
Kelly, who was mentally beyond
the game of his period. But there
is none of that type in baseball
to-day.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, greatest
of the modern ball players, never
went beyond the limitations of the
game at his best.

He always took the fullest ad-
vantage of the playing opportuni-
ties of the game, exploited them
a little bit better than the next
man.

But Cobb was at no period of
his career ahead of baseball. He
didn't make baseball. He produced
nothing startlingly new. Mentally
and physically he was always with-
in its limits. The game made the
player.

Of all the baseball players in
the game to-day, Babe Ruth, in the
opinion of the writer, came closest
to making his game.

Mr. Ruth's case it was merely a
matter of physical power. There
was nothing mental in it. Ruth
simply came along taking a pro-
digious swing at the ball that
knocked it over fences when it con-
nected.

To a certain extent Ruth was
beyond the limitations of the game
as we then knew it. Had the mag-
nates displayed a little business
acumen and devised means of re-
ducing Ruth's home runs, he would
still be beyond the game. Ruth
will hit home runs as long as he
can swing a bat.

Instead, the magnates, animated
by greed, sought means of increas-
ing the home runs.

Ruth was drawing big crowds.
The silly magnates thought, "It
due to the home runs." They thought
the fans wanted to see plenty of
home runs.

So the magnates made the home
run a comparatively easy matter.
They made it common, cheapened
it. Anybody could hit home runs
then.

They brought the game back to
Ruth at a time when it looked as
if Ruth might get well ahead of
the game. Thus, Ruth, the player,
for a brief period made his game
instead of the game making the
player.

No boxer of the present day
made his game.

Jack Dempsey, the foremost
figure in the game, has not got
beyond his game.

He is strictly within its limita-
tions. So are all the other cham-
pions of the day. Of all the men
of Pittsburg for many years past,
probably James J. Corbett is the
only one who can be said to have
made his game.

Before Corbett's day, professional
boxing was associated in the public
mind with run-guzzlings, cropped
heads, wild women, gamblers and
crooks. It was a slugging game
for mere bruisers.

Corbett brought in physical and
mental innovations, high skill. He
was a new type, a new character.
He revolutionized the calibre of
boxing, the character of boxers.

who are clamouring for a change
with regard to tossing for the
cricket, however, important it is,
internationally, is only a game.
Personally he did not support the
proposed alteration of an essentially
sporting and British method of
deciding a sporting chance. The
first day's honours in the present
match were slightly with the at-
tackers.

Replying to Australian comments,
regarding cricketers writing here,
Barnes says he does not think that
the English team will object to
comment whether it emanates, but
he adds that those who are incap-
able of level, dispassionate criticism
should leave the pen alone and keep
to the bat and the ball.

In expressing sympathy with
Gilligan and his men over their injury
he recalls that after all the Adelaide,
Melbourne, Sydney, and London
specialists' efforts it was an obscure
Scottish bone-setter who conquered
the injury in a couple of minutes
at the cost of five shillings.

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